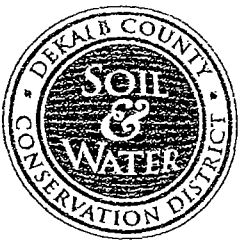


District Support Structure & Responsibilities:

1. A need to focus District Support on SWCD capacity building and administrative assistance consistent with statutory requirements (example: not taking on additional responsibilities or representing external initiatives)
2. Focus on tools that can support those needs such as District Visits, Leadership Institute, CWI Grants/Programs, Business Planning and Annual Financial Reports
3. Work to provide a basic, consistent level of service throughout our DSS Team
4. Timing to offer CWI guidance in a regional setting was questionable
5. Coordination from the state level to the regional level was challenging
6. Need to allow partners to develop their programs and leadership internally without external influence or expectations (example: IASWCD committee participation – advisory vs. controlled)



DEKALB COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

942 West 15th Street • Auburn, Indiana • 46706-2031 • (260) 925-5620

"Leadership in Soil and Water Conservation"

December 3, 2007

State Soil Conservation Board
Attn: Bob Eddleman, Chairman
101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Board Members,

I am writing in regards to a concern our Board has about the responsibilities of the Division of Soil Conservation's District Support Specialist.

On November 24 Steve Provines, a DeKalb SWCD Board Supervisor, attended the North-Northeast Region meeting at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds. He reported Jim Lake, our District Support Specialist, was noticeably absent from the meeting. Several other Board Supervisors also observed his absence and when the question was asked why he was not in attendance the reported answer was the priorities of the Division of Soil had changed and District Support Specialists were not permitted to attend the Regional meetings; Jim would discuss the information being presented that evening with District Staff at the District Employee meeting scheduled in December.

The Regional Meeting is one opportunity where Supervisors can communicate directly with the Support Specialist regarding issues that currently impact Districts. Our Board would like an explanation of how the Division of Soil Conservation's priorities have changed where the District Support Specialist's responsibilities no longer include attendance at Regional Meetings.

If you would like to contact me directly regarding this matter you may reach me at the contact information listed below. Thank you for your time, consideration, and response to our concern.

Sincerely,

Jeff Conrad, Chairman
DeKalb County SWCD

jconrad@lakeland.k12.in.us

Home Phone: (260) 475-5518

RECOMMENDATION FOR VACANT APPOINTMENT POSITION

APPOINTED SUPERVISOR; VACANCY: IC 14-32-13

Sec. 13. (a) If a vacancy in the position of appointed supervisor occurs during a district's operating year:

- (1) the district supervisors shall, within thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, recommend to the board in writing one (1) or more individuals qualified to fill the position;*
- (2) at the first board meeting held after the board receives a recommendation under subdivision(1), the board shall act upon the recommendation; and*
- (3) the board shall notify the supervisors of the appointment made by the board.*
- (b) The individual appointed to fill a vacant appointed supervisor position under subsection (a) shall serve the unexpired term of the individual's predecessor.*

("Board" as used in the state statute refers to the State Soil Conservation Board)

The Supervisors of the Ripley County Soil and Water Conservation District certify that

Name: Brian Evans maintains a permanent residence within the district and is qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that are imposed on supervisors by law.

ADDRESS 6939 S County Road 100 E

CITY: Versailles STATE: IN ZIP: 47042

This temporary appointment is necessary because of:

- ☒ Resignation (enclose) of Dan Reece or
☐ Death of

**We have advised him/her of the duties and responsibilities of the office of supervisor.
We have advised him/her about "Dual Office Holding" and provided a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide.**

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS: (signatures)

Jeff Meinders, Chairman

Date Signed (M/d/yyyy): 12/5/2007

**Submit to:
Your District Support Specialist
Via e-mail.**

**Please visit the following website to
access contact information for your DSS:
<http://www.in.gov/isda/files/dssmap.pdf>**

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

IC 14-32-4-1

(c) To hold the position of appointed supervisor, and individual:

- (1) must be of voting age;*
- (2) must maintain the individual's permanent residence within the district; and*
- (3) must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties that this article imposes on supervisors.*

NAME: Brian Evans PHONE: (812) 667-6898

DATE OF BIRTH (M/d/yyyy): 2/19/1970

ADDRESS: 6939 S County Road 100 E

CITY: Versailles STATE: IN ZIP: 47042

EDUCATION: High School

OCCUPATION OR TYPE OF BUSINESS: Farming

LIST CONSERVATION AND OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES:

Please check one of the following:

NEW APPOINTMENT ☒

REAPPOINTMENT ☐

I currently hold a public service position/office ☐ Yes ☒ No (If yes) I have been informed about "Dual Office Holding" and have reviewed a copy of the Attorney General's Dual Office Holding Guide ☐ Yes ☐ No

By signing this document, if appointed as a supervisor by the State Soil Conservation Board, you agree to attend supervisors' monthly meetings regularly and carry out your responsibilities as a supervisor to the best of your ability.

Date (M/d/yyyy) : 11/29/2007
Evans

Signature of appointee: Brian K



2007 CWI Multi-Year Grant Amendment Request

Dekalb Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-106

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

We are requesting an extension of CWI- 106 because of the following items delaying the expenditure of grant funds:

1. The February 26 start date of the employee selected to fill the Regional Tech position
2. The re-allocation of funds from medical benefits to salary due to the difference between the amounts budgeted and coverage required by the employee
3. A 3 month probation period required per DeKalb County Government policy before medical benefits can be provided.

Year one ending date (M/d/yyyy): 4/30/2008

Year two starting date (M/d/yyyy): 5/1/2008

Year two ending date (M/d/yyyy): 4/30/2009

Year three starting date (M/d/yyyy): 5/1/2009

Year three ending date (M/d/yyyy): 4/30/2010

This form must be filled out and e-mailed to Amy Eizinger aeizinger@isda.in.gov by
Friday, November 30, 2007.



APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
REGION TECHNICIAN
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Use this form to apply for CWI Grant Region Technician.
This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Cris Goode at cgoode@isda.in.gov.

Grantee Name: DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.
Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
1. DeKalb County SWCD (Cash)	\$34,716	6. NRCS (In-kind)	\$4,500
2. The Nature Conservancy (Cash)	\$15,000	7.	
3. Saint Joe River Watershed Initiative (Cash)	\$15,000	8.	
4. Steuben County SWCD (Cash)	\$480	9.	
5. DeKalb County Government (In-Kind)	\$3,000	10.	
		Total	\$72,696.00

Grantee Address:
Address 942 W. 15th Street
City/State/Zip Auburn, IN 46706

Grantee Contact Name:
Title Allen W. Haynes, Natural Resource Coordinator
Address 942 W. 15th Street
City/State/Zip Auburn, IN 46706
County DeKalb
Telephone (260) 925-5620 ext. 3
E-mail allen-haynes@laswcd.org

Grant Amount:
Year 1- \$40,000 Year 2- \$20,000 Year 3- \$10,000

Project Start Date:
1-Jan-07

Project Expiration Date:
31-Dec-09

Federal ID Number:
35-1262411

Signature Authority (District Chairman):
Name Jeff Conrad, DeKalb County SWCD Board Chairman

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)
No

Project Title and Short Description:
DeKalb SCWD and Partners Regional Technician - This technical position will assist existing Indiana Conservation Partnership staff in the promotion, design, and installation of conservation BMPs within DeKalb and Steuben Counties, with special emphasis in priority sub-watersheds. All conservation cost-share programs available will be promoted including but not limited to: Federal Farm Bill Programs, IDNR-Lake and River Enhancement, Saint Joe River Watershed Initiative Grant Projects, The Nature Conservancy Projects, Great Lakes Commission Projects and those of local SWCDs. Technical assistance provided by this position will ensure the timely delivery of Partnership services while increasing acres of conservation applied to the land.

Where is the project located?
County DeKalb and Steuben
Region North-North East
Watershed Cedar Creek, Fish Creek, Ball Lake

How will the project impact the geographic area?

Improved water quality- achieved by the reduction of sediment, nutrient, and pesticide loading through the increased adoption of conservation practices such as filter strips, waterways, no-till farming, and buffered tile inlets.

Reduced soil erosion rates- achieved through the adoption of no-till farming practices, waterways, and increased acres of wildlife habitat cover such as CRP. Annual tillage transects indicate utilization of conservation farming practices and programs continues to rise in both DeKalb and Steuben Counties; as a result the demand for technical assistance also has increased.

Increased awareness of conservation issues- experience has taught Partnership staff that direct contact with landowners /operators allows for specific conservation concerns to be addressed. Providing individual information for informed decision making has shown to increase the amount of conservation applied to the land.

Timely delivery of services- additional technical assistance for getting conservation on the land lends itself to resource driven results. Quality customer service assists in higher conservation adoption rates as well as increased funding for cost-share programs.

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.

This position is being created with the main objective of providing technical assistance for getting conservation applied to the land. The position is designed to:

1. Assist our area NRCS Tech Team with survey and design layout of projects.
2. Assist DeKalb and Steuben Counties with the design and layout of projects not requiring engineered plans.
3. Assist with the implementation of projects currently underway in DeKalb and Steuben Counties, specifically in the Cedar Creek, Fish Creek, and Ball Lake watersheds.

Key steps and desired outcomes of the project include:

1. securing partnership support for the position, both financial and in-kind
2. successful submittal of the grant application
3. hiring of a regional technician
4. training and support for position
5. successful completion of current and continuing projects
6. dedicated funding for this position when CWI grant expires.

Current projects and goals in the region:

Cedar Creek Watershed Plan:

The DeKalb SWCD has actively been working with St. Joe River Watershed Initiative to develop a watershed plan for Cedar Creek. This has resulted in the Initiative successfully submitting a 319 grant application for implementation of the plan. The \$465,000 grant includes \$175,000 of incentive dollars for the restoration of wetlands and riparian buffers. The grant was submitted with a goal for 30 acres of wetlands and 120 miles of buffers restored.

Fish Creek:

The Nature Conservancy's Upper St. Joseph River Project has spent over \$240,000 since 1992 to present on habitat related activities. Specifically, this has lead to over 1,200 acres of private land reforested in the St. Joseph Watershed. In the past, the Conservancy has worked with farmers to convert over 14,000 acres of agricultural land to no-till farming practices and has invested over \$200,000 to accomplish this. Currently their projects focus on habitat restoration activities, looking at in-stream aquatic habitat in ditches, as well as upland habitat restoration through reforestation and wetland restoration projects.

Ball Lake LARE Project:

In January of 2003 DeKalb and Steuben Counties were awarded a Lake and Rivers Enhancement grant for the Ball Lake Watershed. Each year additional cost share dollars have been applied for; to date \$113,500 has been spent or allocated for conservation practices in the watershed. Should the 06-07 application be fully-funded an additional \$46,500 will be available to landowners for the adoption and installation of BMPs.

Federal Farm Programs:

Both DeKalb and Steuben Counties have experienced high participation in federally funded farm programs. Specifically, CRP, CSP, and EQIP. Between the two counties combined, \$4,527,075 federal dollars have come to this region in this current fiscal year. As you can well imagine the demand for technical assistance for landowners in this region has dramatically increased.

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

DeKalb County SWCD:

In January of 2003 the DeKalb County SWCD staff and supervisors began the task of putting together the Districts' Business Plan through 2008. Since then, the Business Plan Retreat has become an annual event for reviewing and updating the District's priority action steps. Specific goals of the DeKalb Plan that would be addressed by the hiring of a Regional Technician would include: 1.) 75% of non-CRP croplands will have at least 30% residual cover after planting 2.) 75% of agriculture land will have gully erosion under control 3.) 75% of the ditches and streams will be protected by buffers. 4.) 75% of livestock feeding producers will have a comprehensive nutrient management plan 5.) wetland owners will understand the importance of preserving wetlands and their contribution to wildlife habitat and enhanced water quality 6.) preserving and creating wildlife habitat. 7.) create working relationships with partnership agencies and organizations that promote their programs while supporting the goals of the DeKalb SWCD.

Steuben County SWCD:

As evident from their annual reports Steuben County has shown a strong desire to get conservation applied to the land and support partnership programs. The Regional Technician position whose main objective would be to assist with the implementation of current conservation opportunities would continue to support and expand this commitment. This winter the Steuben District is preparing to go through the process of creating a formal business plan; identifying specific needs, developing goals, and defining action steps that address the specific resource concerns unique to the County. When completed, the business plan will enable the District to better address the financial requirements associated with the latter years of this Regional Technician position and the District.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC):

The focus of The Nature Conservancy in northeast Indiana is the ongoing conservation of the biodiversity within the Saint Joe River Watershed. Many of the Conservancy's activities and projects are targeted on hydrologic issues and habitat restoration in the watershed. This Regional Technician position would specifically benefit TNC's focus by assisting with the promotion of wetland and wildlife habitat restoration as well as their installation. Specifically these activities would take place in the Fish Creek Watershed located primarily in Steuben and DeKalb Counties.

The Saint Joe River Watershed Initiative (SJRWI):

The Saint Joe River Watershed Initiative is a not-for-profit organization of citizens, agencies, and governmental stakeholders across three states and six counties. The Initiative's mission is to identify and work with partners to promote economical and environmentally compatible land uses that improve water quality in the Saint Joe River Watershed. The Regional Technician position would assist the Initiative fulfilling their mission by providing field level service for the implementation of the Cedar Creek Watershed Plan, specifically, the promotion and installation of wetland restoration and riparian buffers.

The Indiana Conservation Partnership (ICP):

The Indiana Conservation Partnership has outlined several strategies that will be utilized to fulfill their mission of providing technical, financial, and educational assistance needed to implement economically and environmentally compatible land and water stewardship decisions, practices, and technologies. The ICP mission mirrors those of all the Partners who are working together to create this Regional Technician position. Specifically the Partnership strategies of accountability and a locally lead delivery system would be supported in the creation of this position. A Regional Technician that is dedicated to getting conservation on the land ensures that available funding sources are fully utilized while efficiently providing customer service. This enables the Conservation Partnership as well as other Partners to effectively seek additional funding from federal programs and other sources to continue the conservation efforts in the region.

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Year One		
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested	
Personnel	\$27,500	
Fringe Benefits	\$12,500	
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	Year One CWI Funds Requested	\$40,000
	Year One Other Funds Contributed	\$6,350
	Year One Project Costs	\$46,350

Year Two		
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested	
Personnel	\$20,000	
Fringe Benefits		
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	Year Two CWI Funds Requested	\$20,000
	Year Two Other Funds Contributed	\$27,553
	Year Two Project Costs	\$47,553

Year Three	
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	\$10,000
Fringe Benefits	
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Other	
Year Three CWI Funds Requested	\$10,000
Year Three Other Funds Contributed	\$38,793
Year Three Project Costs	\$48,793
Year One Total Project Costs	\$ 46,350.00
Year Two Total Project Costs	\$ 47,553.00
Year Three Total Project Costs	\$ 48,793.00
Total Project Costs	\$ 142,696.00



2007 CWI Multi-Year Grant Amendment Request

Marion Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-107

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

Our grant request for a Region Technician was for a three (3) year period, with funding levels of \$40,000, \$20,000 and \$10,000 each year. Watershed projects in Eagle Creek, Lower Fall Creek and other watersheds in central Indiana will continue through 2008 and 2009. The initial communications foundation will be completed in 2007 and will be maintained in 2008 and 2009.

Year one ending date (M/d/yyyy): 1/31/2008

Year two starting date (M/d/yyyy): 2/1/2008

Year two ending date (M/d/yyyy): 1/31/2009

Year three starting date (M/d/yyyy): 2/1/2009

Year three ending date (M/d/yyyy): 1/31/2010

This form must be filled out and e-mailed to Amy Eizinger aeizinger@isda.in.gov by
Friday, November 30, 2007.



APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
CENTRALIZED OFFICE MANAGER
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Marion Co. SWCD CWI #1

Use this form to apply for CWI Grant: Centralized Office Manager.
This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Chris Goode at cgoode@isdain.gov.

Grantee Name: Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project as well as the amount of their contribution.

Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
1. Hamilton Co. SWCD (in-kind)		6.	
2. Hoosier Heartland RC&D (in-kind)		7.	
3. Indiana Wildlife Federation (in-kind)		8.	
4. Eagle Creek Watershed Alliance (in-kind)		9.	
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		Total	

Grantee Address:
Address: 6960 S. Gray Rd., Suite C
City/State/Zip: Indianapolis, IN 46237

Grantee Contact Name: Ron Lauster
Title: Director
Address: 6960 S. Gray Rd., Suite C
City/State/Zip: Indianapolis, IN 46237
County: Marion
Telephone: 317-780-1765
E-mail: ron-lauster@iaswcd.org

Grant Amount: \$50,000.00

Project Start Date: January 1, 2007

Project Expiration Date: December 31, 2010

Federal ID Number: 35-1262154

Signature Authority (District Chairman):
Name: Paula Baldwin

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)
No

Project Title and Short Description:

Marion Co. SWCD Large & Small Landowner Conservation-Clearinghouse Coordinator Program Grant- This grant will enable the Marion Co. SWCD to provide staffing, equipment, supplies, and material costs support for a major informational marketing campaign to help landowners know how to contact the SWCD office for assistance information. We have many absentee landowners with larger holdings outside of Marion County that live in Marion County as well as large and small rural landowners in Marion County needing assistance. In addition, many people are employed in the Indianapolis area from surrounding counties. Many of these workers are also absentee landowners who have purchased rural acreage in other parts of the state. Many of these landowners have no past connections with local SWCDs, and often are not aware of the services districts offer. Many of these folks have agricultural and conservation related questions and concerns, and or have farms of their own. They need a ready source of conservation information to assist them.

Where is the project located?	
County	Marion
Region	Central Indiana (South-Northwest Region of Indiana)
Watershed	Upper White River and adjoining watersheds within Marion Co.

How will the project impact the geographic area?

It will provide a contact point for rural country and city folks who work and live in the Indianapolis metro area to use to get their agricultural and conservation concerns and questions addressed. Recent reductions in USDA funding have caused USDA Rural Development (RD), Farm Security Administration (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to curtail operations of their Service Center offices in Marion County. We still have some @20,000 acres of farmland in Marion County that need USDA assistance. With the recent loss of NRCS office space, possible phone and internet service, printers, equipment, etc. and the reduction of federal staff assistance and NRCS funding in the county, the Marion County SWCD is leasing its own SWCD Office space. This change in who rents the office will require a major informational marketing campaign to help people know how to contact us at our own office. The current telephone listing and office location will need to be updated appropriately through a renewed information campaign. This grant will help us place appropriate emphasis on this renewed information effort.

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.

The SWCD will work to re-establish the Marion County District as a conservation clearing house through contacts with all agricultural producers, and small and larger landowners in the county. The SWCD will develop a marketing campaign, including news releases, newsletters, mailers, web pages, etc. to also help spread the news. We also are in need of new "signage" for our office.

Our Administrative Assistant will need to provide extra emphasis work time to coordinate this proposal. All staff will be trained in being a one stop shop contact for information about agricultural and conservation programs. The District will work to have our information dissemination effort to include a minimum of @ three newsletters/ year, @ 24 news releases/ year, @ 4 presentations/ year, @ 50 updated web pages/ 5 years concerning Marion and surrounding counties conservation resources and programs available. We would also like to have special reports for city-county government leaders @ 2 per year. We will work to publish about 50 program assistance fact sheets over the 5 year period. We will work to accomplish this by using extra staff support contracted (or possibly hired directly).

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

This item addresses the primary mission of our SWCD Strategic Plan (plan of work, and business plan) to assist Marion County land users in conserving soil, water, and related natural resources by providing technical, financial, and educational services. This effort is also helping us to reach out to new partners as well as former partners with a renewed emphasis.

Budget		
Year One		
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested	
Personnel (May be contracted or direct hire)	\$20,000	
Fringe Benefits		
Travel		
Equipment (Itemize)		
1. laptop (for mobile powerpoint presentations to groups)	\$1,000	
2. presentation projector (for mobile powerpoint presentations)	\$2,000	
3. printer (to replace one being removed by USDA)	\$2,000	
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Supplies (Itemize)		
1. Software (for laptop- for powerpoint & publishing)	\$1,600	
2. paper (for newsletters, flyers, job sheets, etc.)	\$900	
3. ink cartridges & other printer supplies	\$800	
4. postage (for items above)	\$1,200	
5. misc. supplies	\$500	
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Other		
Year One CWI Funds Requested	\$30,000	
Year One Other Funds Contributed		
Year One Project Costs	\$30,000	

Year Two		
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested	
Personnel (May be contracted or direct hire)	\$15,000	
Fringe Benefits		
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Year Two CWI Funds Requested	\$15,000	
Year Two Other Funds Contributed	\$15,000	
Year Two Project Costs	\$30,000	

Year Three	
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel (May be contracted or direct hire)	\$5,000
Fringe Benefits	
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Year Three CWI Funds Requested	\$5,000
Year Three Other Funds Contributed	\$25,000
Year Three Project Costs	\$30,000
Year One Total Project Costs	\$30,000
Year Two Total Project Costs	\$30,000
Year Three Total Project Costs	\$30,000
Total Project Costs	\$90,000.00



2007 CWI Multi-Year Grant Amendment Request

Jennings Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-203

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

This position of Executive Director was established to serve as a liaison between the SWCD and government entities so that we can work together to improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, and secure additional funding for these and other conservation projects. The person that was in this position recently resigned so we are in the process of filling that position. The original projected end date was stated that the SWCD expects this to be a permanent position, fully funded by the county beginning year 2010 and our expectations are still focused on this.

Year one ending date (M/d/yyyy): 2/22/2008

Year two starting date (M/d/yyyy): 2/23/2008

Year two ending date (M/d/yyyy): 2/22/2009

Year three starting date (M/d/yyyy): 2/23/2009

Year three ending date (M/d/yyyy): 2/22/2010

This form must be filled out and e-mailed to Amy Eizinger aeizinger@isda.in.gov by
Friday, November 30, 2007.



APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
CENTRALIZED OFFICE MANAGER
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Use this form to apply for CWI Grant: Centralized Office Manager
This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Chris Goode at cgode@isdain.gov.

Grantee Name: Jennings County Soil and Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.
Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
1. Jennings County Commissioners	\$47,200	6. US Senator Richard G Luger	
2. State Senator Johnny Nugent		7. Farm Bureau President Don Villwock	
3. State Senator Jim Lewis		8. Farm Bureau - Robert L Schickel	
4. Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D		9.	
5. State Representative Billy Bright		10.	
		Total	\$47,200.00

Grantee Address:
Address 2600 North State Highway 7
City/State/Zip North Vernon, Indiana 47265

Grantee Contact Name:
Title Sheila Pitzer/District Coordinator
Address 2600 North State Highway 7
City/State/Zip North Vernon, Indiana 47265
County Jennings
Telephone (812) 346-3411 ext.3
E-mail sheila.pitzer@in.nacdn.net

Grant Amount:
\$50,000.00

Project Start Date:
2-Jan-07

Project Expiration Date:
The SWCD expects this to be a permanent position, fully funded by the county beginning year 2010; therefore there is no expected project expiration date.
Federal ID Number:
25-1920136

Signature Authority (District Chairman):
Name Dan Megel

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no):
No

Project Title and Short Description:
Jennings County Soil and Water Conservation District Executive Director
This position will serve as a Centralized Office Manager that will be a point of contact, providing the public with accurate information on federal, state and local conservation programs in a timely fashion. The director will be a liaison to county government entities such as: County Council, Commissioners, Health Department, County Highway Department and Area Plan Commission on natural resource issues to provide and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Jennings County.

Where is the project located?
County Jennings
Region South-Southeast
Watershed Sand Creek and Muscatatuck

How will the project impact the geographic area?

There will be many positive impacts by the project with some being immeasurable. The most significant impact would be the increase in conservation practices being installed due to the heightened awareness of conservation programs.

The strengthened relations between the SWCD and the government entities will provide several beneficial impacts. They include joint projects that improve water quality, reduce soil erosion and secure additional funding. The ability to seek out and secure alternative funding sources will be another asset. Grants will be sought out for these projects and additional cost share programs.

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes:

We propose to hire an Executive Director to be a Centralized Office Manager, to serve as a liaison to government entities and seek and secure alternative funding sources.

The Jennings County SWCD and its partners has developed a job description and secured funds to match the Clean Water Indiana Grant to hire an Executive Director. Once notified of grant approval, the position will be advertised and filled. The successful candidate will be trained as needed. The Executive Director will be meeting with county government entities on a regular basis to provide the natural resources perspective. Grants and other alternative funding sources will be researched and utilized as the conservation initiative program and staff needs arise. Progress in all aspects of this position will be discussed with the SWCD Supervisors at their regularly scheduled meetings. Accomplishments will be published in the SWCD's Annual Report.

By providing a one stop information source for local, state and federal conservation programs, Jennings County will see an increase in the number of conservation practices installed on the land. These practices not only provide productive soils for farmers, it provides clean drinking water, cleaner streams and rivers and an improved quality of life for the residents of Jennings County. Since the farmers participate in the conservation programs and receive cost share assistance for their practices, many dollars will be brought into the local and state economy.

The liaison component of the position is vital in assuring not only future funding, but that natural resources are addressed and evaluated in the decisions that affect Jennings County and Indiana as a whole. Since the resource base is being considered by these entities, clean water, healthy soils and a good quality of life should be maintained. As grants and other funding sources are secured and state and federal funds are leveraged in, these funds are provided to local producers to improve their farm economy. Additional funds may be provided to local residents to improve water quality.

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

The addition of an Executive Director will allow the Jennings County SWCD and its conservation programs to grow and flourish. In the past we have been able to rely on the District Conservationist to perform the duties of the Centralized Office Manager/Executive Director, but with the ever increasing workload and the District Conservationist covering two counties, the situation is becoming ineffective. Due to this situation, the district completed a Long Range Business Plan and with this project will begin implementing the plan.

The most important issue that the district will be addressing in their plan is improved water quality, specifically reducing nutrient, pesticide and livestock run-off. The soil types in Jennings County are poorly suited for septic systems. By having a liaison with the Area Plan Commission and the Health Department, we will bring an awareness of the proper siting of these systems. In the Long Range Business Plan there is a goal to increase the number of households with correctly installed and maintained septic systems by 2009, reduce nutrient and pesticide run-off by 7.5% by December 2010 and increase the number of livestock farms with livestock excluded from local bodies of water by ten (10) producers by December 2011. Similar outcomes that are identified in the Indiana Conservation Partnership's Strategic Plan will be addressed. Those are clean drinking water, cleaner streams, rivers and lakes for recreation and an enhanced quality of life for Indiana citizens.

Since the Executive Director performs the duties of the Centralized Office Manager, they will be providing information on best management practices and programs to implement these practices. As these practices are installed, the second issue identified in the Long Range Business Plan will be addressed. This issue is soil erosion in the forms of sheet, rill and gully erosion. The goal is to increase grass waterway installation by sixty (60) waterways to address gully erosion concerns by January 2008 and increase the use of no-till systems on row crop production in Jennings County by 10% (based on 2004 Transect survey) by January 2011. By addressing the soil erosion in Jennings County, we will be assisting the Indiana Conservation Partnership reach some of their desired outcomes listed in the strategic plan. The results will help achieve productive soils for Indiana farmers, clean drinking water, cleaner streams, rivers and lakes for recreation and an enhanced quality of life for the citizens of Indiana.

Through the Long Range Business Plan process, the district realizes other funding sources need to be secured. The Centralized Office Manager/Executive Director will be able to explore these avenues and secure additional funding to further conservation initiative programs in Jennings County. The additional funds will be used for local cost share programs, district programs and staff.

Year One	
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	\$30,000
Fringe Benefits	
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Other	
Year One CWI Funds Requested	\$30,000
Year One Other Funds Contributed	\$18,000
Year One Project Costs	\$48,000

Year Two	
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	\$15,000
Fringe Benefits	
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Year Two CWI Funds Requested	\$15,000
Year Two Other Funds Contributed	\$20,000
Year Two Project Costs	\$35,000

Year Three	
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	\$5,000
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Year Three CWI Funds Requested	\$5,000
Year Three Other Funds Contributed	\$30,000
Year Three Project Costs	\$35,000
Year One Total Project Costs	\$48,000.00
Year Two Total Project Costs	\$35,000.00
Year Three Total Project Costs	\$35,000.00
Total Partner Funds Contributed (Line 20)	\$47,200.00
Total Project Costs	\$165,200.00



2007 CWI Multi-Year Grant Amendment Request

Lagrange Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-204

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

The LaGrange Co. SWCD is asking for an extension on the Clearinghouse Coordinator grant. After advertising for the position, with over 40 applications received, screening all of the applications and interviewing, the position was not filled until April 1, 2007. We would like to extend the grant so that we will have three full years with this position. The individual hired, Jennie Holcomb, is working out very well and we are working with the county council to make this a permanent position. The council approved funding to continue the position through March 31, 2009 and we will be working with them to continue the position after that. The following is the new time schedule:

Year one ending date (M/d/yyyy): 3/31/2008

Year two starting date (M/d/yyyy): 4/1/2008

Year two ending date (M/d/yyyy): 3/31/2009

Year three starting date (M/d/yyyy): 4/1/2009

Year three ending date (M/d/yyyy): 3/31/2010

This form must be filled out and e-mailed to Amy Eizinger aeizinger@isda.in.gov by
Friday, November 30, 2007.



APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
CENTRALIZED OFFICE MANAGER
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Use this form to apply for CWI Grant: Centralized Office Manager.
This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Cns.Goode at cgoode@isda.in.gov.

Grantee Name: LaGrange County Soil & Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.

Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
1. LGL Natural Resource Associates	\$5,000	6.	
2. Pheasants Forever	\$5,000	7.	
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Total			\$10,000.00

Grantee Address:
Address 910 S. Detroit St.
City/State/Zip LaGrange, IN 46761

Grantee Contact Name: Dona Hunter
Title District Coordinator
Address 910 S. Detroit St.
City/State/Zip LaGrange, IN 46761
County LaGrange
Telephone 260-463-3471 extension 3
E-mail dona.hunter@in.nacdnet.net

Grant Amount:
\$30,000 - 1st year; \$15,000.00 - 2nd year; \$5,000.00 - 3rd year

Project Start Date:
1-Jan-07

Project Expiration Date:
31-Dec-09

Federal ID Number:
35-1262035

Signature/Authority (District Chairman):
Name Richard Yoder

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)
No

Project Title & Short Description:

Clearinghouse Coordinator - The goal of this position is to make the district the local hub for education, financial, and technical assistance for the application of best management practices. A new job description will be created and a new person hired to work full time in the SWCD office. This individual will be responsible for day to day operations, answering the phone, fielding questions covering all related Farm Bill programs and other programs administered by the SWCD and its partners to get more conservation on the land.

Where is the project located?
County LaGrange
Region North-Northeast
Watershed St. Joseph River (Lake Michigan)

How will the project impact the geographic area?

This new position is critical to the district's ability to maintain day to day operations while at the same time accelerating the rate of applying conservation to the land. LaGrange County - 242,560 acres - is located entirely in the St. Jose River Basin (Lake Michigan). There are five sub-watersheds in the county, including Pigeon River, Fawn River, Turkey Creek, Little Elkhart River and North Branch of the Elkhart River. The county also has 71 natural lakes, with a large tourist base - Shipshewana Flea Market and Shops where the population increases from 900 to 10,000 for two days a week from April to October - and to add to the challenges - a large Amish population. The district has identified water quality as a priority in the county. We have worked closely with the Friends of the St. Joe with the development of an approved watershed management plan. We are now involved in the implementation of the watershed management plan written for the St. Joseph River in both Indiana and Michigan. By having this position the existing staff, made up of an SWCD Coordinator, Technician, & Program Assistant, along with an NRCS District Conservationist, can spend more time out of the office. With this new position the district will be able to remain involved in watershed activities in LaGrange and surrounding counties. Close contact can be maintained with Lake Associations and other watershed organizations interested in protecting water quality.

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.

The LaGrange County Soil & Water Conservation District is proposing, with these grant funds, to hire an employee who will be able to assist with a variety of district activities. Right now LaGrange has two full time employees and one part time employee with three additional grant people working under contract. The three current district employees employed by the county spend at least a portion of their time away from the office conducting district program activities. The three grant employees spend the majority of their time away from the office carrying out grant activities. It is very important to have some continuity in the office with one individual able to stay in the office on a regular basis to be on hand to answer the phone, greet walk in customers and staying up to date on current programs, whether from the local, state or federal partners. The clearinghouse coordinator person would be responsible for knowing who in the office was the one responsible for and able to answer the questions of customers in the quickest manner. This individual would be responsible for setting up appointments for employees in order to better address the needs of customers.

LaGrange Co. SWCD and the conservation partners are involved in a lot of activities, both program related and non program related. The Clearinghouse Coordinator will need to acquire a very good understanding of all federal, state and local programs and be able to answer preliminary questions as customers come into the office and be able to direct them to the correct agency for assistance. For many years the district office has seemed to be the place people call to answer a wide variety of questions, many not related to our responsibilities of soil and water conservation. The new employee will be able to direct those calls to other outside offices and existing staff will on the most part not need to deal with them. New job descriptions will need to be written for all employees including the Clearinghouse Coordinator, making sure that all priority activities of the SWCD are covered. This will happen before the position is advertised, so the person applying will know exactly what their responsibilities will be if hired. Some of the job responsibilities of this position will be: 1) Answering questions concerning all conservation programs, including Farm Bill, LARE, 319 Grants, Great Lakes Commission Program, any other Grant programs we might be involved in, etc. The key element to this responsibility will be identifying who in or out of the office is responsible for implementing the program and being able to refer customers to those individuals for more detailed information. 2) Training in the use of Toolkit is a must in order to assist the District Conservationist keep up to date information in the computer. 3) Maintaining landowner files whether in hardcopy or tracking lists in the computer, so good computer skills will be a must. 4) Providing secretarial duties for the SWCD and partners as needed. 5) Scheduling the use of the district owned post driver, which was purchased under a 319 grant and is still used with grant participants. 6) Assisting with administration of the district tree sales program. 7) Maintaining current schedules and scheduling appointments for all the office staff. Finding the right individual will take some careful screening of applications. Stepping into an office as diverse as the Conservation Partnership offices can be overwhelming especially to someone who is not totally familiar with what the districts are responsible for. This is true not only in LaGrange County, but all across the state. Conservation on the land is of vital importance to all of us and this person will need to understand that from the beginning. Training for this new Clearinghouse Coordinator will be crucial to the success of the position. The current District Coordinator will be responsible for making sure this person is trained and up to speed as quickly as possible in order to make the office more efficient. The two employees will work closely together for the first six months in order to accomplish this. The district coordinator will then begin phasing out of some of the district activities, with the goal being by the end of the first year for the district coordinator position to become part time in the district office and spending the rest of the time focusing on watershed project implementation, grant development and grant administration. LaGrange County SWCD will be able to maintain continuity with other watershed organizations in the county and in surrounding counties, as well as across state lines, which is a vital part of our conservation program. The new Clearinghouse Coordinator will clear the way for the watershed program to continue and to expand into new watershed activities.

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

The LaGrange County SWCD has established water quality improvement as high priority and has worked toward that goal for many years. Anytime a public meeting is held to get input on natural resource issues in the county, new concerns might arise, but water quality comes out at the top of the list every time when priorities are set. The business plan developed by the SWCD addresses the need for more employees to assist with program implementation based on water quality concerns. The district has adjusted current personnel to try and meet those needs outlined in the business plan, but the need for an additional person is critical in order for us to advance our district program. We feel at this time that a clearinghouse coordinator will best serve the needs of the district. The Indiana Conservation Partnership Strategic Plan is built around increasing funds to accelerate applying conservation to the land. Those six strategies outlined in the plan are being considered by the district as we approach our county council for additional funding and as we apply for new grants. With an additional person in the office on a permanent basis we would address in some manner each part of the plan. This position would help us establish a more effective conservation delivery system in a more consistent manner. Having the same individual answering the phone and fielding questions provides continuity and consistency to all of our customers. It would also allow us to show more local leadership in filling the responsibility outlined in the district law of becoming the local entity responsible for soil and water resources in the county. Existing district employees would have more time to pursue additional funding, develop a tracking system for more accountability using the newest technology and continue/expand our outreach program. Keeping up to date on all of the new technologies being developed whether related to conservation on the land or in the office computer skills is of vital importance in this fast changing world of technology. In order to receive additional funds for conservation all of us need to be more accountability for the funds we are receiving. The district feels like it is doing a good job of keeping the public informed of funds coming into the county and how they are used, but there still seem to be questions raised as to where those dollars are going. It takes time and dedication to make sure all of this is being accomplished. Being recognized as the local hub or clearinghouse for education, financial assistance and technical assistance related to applying conservation to the land will be possible with additional personnel.

Budget		
Year One		
Expense Item		CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	\$ 22,500.00	\$22,500
Fringe Benefits	7,500.00	\$7,500
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Other - Rent	1,800.00	
Year One CWI Funds Requested		\$30,000
Year One Other Funds Contributed		\$3,800
Year One Project Costs		\$33,800

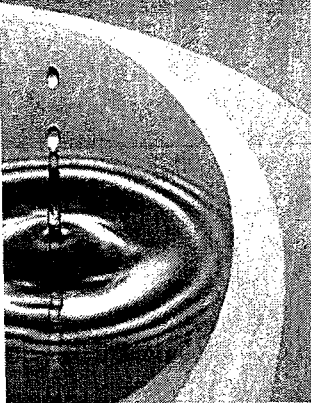
Year Two		
Expense Item		CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	\$22,500.00	\$11,225
Fringe Benefits	7,500.00	\$3,775
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Other - Rent	1,800.00	
Year Two CWI Funds Requested		\$15,000
Year Two Other Funds Contributed		\$16,800
Year Two Project Costs		\$31,800

Year Three		
Expense Item		CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	\$ 22,500.00	\$5,000
Fringe Benefits	7,775.00	
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Other - Rent	1,800.00	
Year Three CWI Funds Requested		\$5,000
Year Three Other Funds Contributed		\$27,075
Year Three Project Costs		\$32,075
Year One Total Project Costs		33,800
Year Two Total Project Costs		31,800
Year Three Total Project Costs		32,075
Total Project Costs		97675



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December 12, 2007

To: State Soil Conservation Board
From: Jim Droege, President, IASWCD
Re: CWI Grant Extension Request

The Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (IASWCD) would like to request an extension of the CWI grant, 6-CWI-501, District Visits Program until June 30, 2008.

Funds of \$3,242.96 remain in the current grant and would be used for costs associated with improvements, changes and additions to the computer software used in the District Visits program. Funds were allocated for the development of the software from the initial grant and were included in the initial request. After using the software now for over 12 visits, it's become apparent that some changes are needed in the software to make it more user-friendly and improve capabilities to store and generate general trends from the District Visits for evaluation of the program and reporting requirements.

If you have any specific questions, please contact our Executive Director, Jennifer Boyle, at (317) 692-7519. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Jim Droege
President

New contract expiration date:
October 1, 2008



2007 CWI Grant Amendment Request

Daviess Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-414

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

We have had good response from the money already spent, in order to completely utilize these funds and further the marketing needs of programs we are requesting an extension of time. We feel the extension will enable us to spend the funds completely. We were able to utilize excellent speakers at no charge which was not anticipated when we applied for this grant, a extension will allow us to conduct further marketing of available programs and projects.

This form must be filled out and e-mailed to Amy Eizinger aeizinger@isda.in.gov by
Friday, November 30, 2007.



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INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Use this form to apply for CWI Grant Program Marketing.
This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Cris Goode at cgoode@isda.in.gov.

Grantee Name: Daviess County Soil & Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.

Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
1. Daviess County SWCD		6.	
2. NRCS		7.	
3. Daviess County Cooperative Extension		8.	
4. Daviess County Farm Bureau Inc.	\$ 200.00	9.	
5. Agri Businesses		10.	
			Total \$200.00

Grantee Address: Address 2524 East National Highway
City/State/Zip Washington, IN 47501

Grantee Contact Name: Title District Administrative Coordinator
Address 2524 East National Highway
City/State/Zip Washington, IN 47501
County Daviess
Telephone (812) 254-4760 Ext. 3
E-mail dcswwcd@rcocom.net

Grant Amount: \$3,339.00

Project Start Date: 1-Jun-07

Project Expiration Date: 1-Jun-08

Federal ID Number: 35-1262482

Signature Authority (District Chairman): Name Todd Allison (Vice Chairman)

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no) No

Project Title and Short Description: Daviess County Wind and Water Erosion Initiative
Northwest Daviess County is subject to very sandy soils which cause several unique problem issues, including wind erosion, residual nitrogen loss and water erosion. The Daviess County SWCD proposes to address these problems by developing a comprehensive conservation program to increase no-till cropping systems, cover crops and other appropriate technical practices as the availability of well as available federal and state conservation programs (CRP, EQIP, etc).

Where is the project located?	
County	Davless
Region	South Southwest
Watershed	NW Davless County, with priority on Prairie Creek and Smothers Creek

How will the project impact the geographic area?
<p>This project will improve the soil and water quality in the sandy soils of northwest Davless County and the Prairie Creek and Smothers Creek watersheds by addressing concerns in our business plan, including soil erosion and impaired water bodies. These concerns include priorities such as wind erosion, water erosion and residual nitrogen loss related to sandy soil types common to this part of the state. The Davless County SWCD hopes that once this project is complete producers will have a better understanding of technical practices needed for the long-term operations of farms in this region as well as knowledge of available federal and state programs.</p>

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.
<p>To accomplish our project's goals the Davless County SWCD proposes staff time, educational events and informational outreach including, but not limited, to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The SWCD will host a Davless County Field Day at a site on sandy soils in northern Davless County, targeting wind erosion, residual nitrogen loss, machinery demonstrations (esp. Aorway & Turbo Till implements) and related conservation topics as well as available federal and state cost-share programs. 2. The SWCD will host a winter workshop in Davless County, focusing on conservation tillage utilizing speakers, videos & equipment displays related to wind erosion, water erosion and residual nitrogen loss as well as available federal and state cost-share programs. 3. Send a quarterly SWCD newsletter to all farm operations (approx. 1500 farms) in Davless County highlighting available conservation practices as well as federal and state cost-share programs related to wind erosion, water erosion and residual nitrogen loss. 4. Work with Davless County Cooperative Extension Service to distribute educational articles related to wind erosion, water erosion and residual nitrogen loss as well as available federal and state cost-share programs through the local newspapers (approx. 20,000+readers) throughout Davless County and surrounding areas. 5. Provide local radio stations with appropriate articles on ways to best address wind erosion, water erosion and residual nitrogen loss. 6. Work with local ag businesses to provide information for their newsletters and direct customer visits about available federal cost-share programs for their Davless County customers, which will in turn increase their sales while improving local soil & water quality. 7. Continue support of the Southwest SWCD Indiana Crop Seminar to promote needed no-till, cover crop and related conservation-oriented practices. 8. Continue to provide to walk-in customers educational information on no-till adoption cover crop establishment, nitrogen management along with any other technical practices as well as federal and state cost-share programs. <p>Benchmarks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of participants in federal and state cost-share programs related to the control of wind and water erosion in northern Davless County. 2. Number of acres of newly adopted no-till cropping systems, cover crops and other appropriate practices. 3. Number of participants at the field day and the winter workshop. 4. Number of participants reached through news articles and newsletters. <p>Desired Outcomes: The control of wind and water erosion and residual nitrogen loss on sandy soils through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase no-till acreage by 5%. 2. Increase cover crops by 100 acres. 3. Decrease soil erosion by wind by 5%. 4. Decrease loss of nitrogen on sandy soils. 5. Increase the general public awareness of needed conservation practices on sandy soils for sustained long-term productivity.

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership Strategic plan?

The project correlates with the Daviess SWCD Business Plan by addressing one of our critical natural resource issues- Soil erosion (esp. wind erosion). This project addresses soil erosion by assisting the SWCD in achieving it's goals of increasing no-till systems in row crops, increasing the use of cover crops and reducing soil erosion from wind and reducing residual nitrogen loss associated with sandy soils.

The project correlates with the water quality concerns identified by the Prairie Creek Watershed steering committee by addressing the needs of farm practices/tillage, sediment dispersion and nitrogen levels due to commercial farming practices, as identified in the Steering Committee's recent watershed management plan.

This project will correlate with the Indiana Conservation Partnership Strategic Plan by addressing the desired outcomes of productive soils for Indiana Farmers, clean drinking water and cleaner streams, rivers & lakes for recreation. It will do this by addressing the strategy of outreach, by providing a consistent and positive message describing the economic, environmental, and quality of life benefits of conservation for the residents of Daviess County.

Budget:	
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel Staff & Supervisors Time	\$ 850.00
Fringe Benefits	
Travel Mileage	\$ 300.00
Equipment (Itemize)	
1. Digital Camera (to increase publicity in news articles)	\$ 499.00
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Supplies (Itemize)	
1. Newsletter preparing, printing & mailing	\$ 940.00
2. Building Rental (for Workshop)	\$ 250.00
3. Promotional Flyers for Field Day & Workshop	\$ 150.00
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Other: Speaker Fees & Mileage (for Field Day & Workshop)	\$ 350.00
Total CWI Funds Requested	\$ 3,339.00
Total Partner Funds Contributed (Line 20)	\$ 200.00
Total Project Cost	\$ 3,539.00

New contract expiration date:
October 1, 2008



2007 CWI Grant Amendment Request

Crawford Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-413

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

The Crawford County SWCD would like to request an extension to their CWI grant. Due to implementing other priorities in the SWCD's annual business plan, we were unable to complete the scheduling and arrangements for the septic tank workshop. We do have the septic tank workshop tentatively scheduled for May in 2008. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

This form must be filled out and e-mailed to Amy Eizinger aeizinger@isda.in.gov by
Friday, November 30, 2007.



APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
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INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Use this form to apply for CWI Grant Program Marketing.
This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Chris Goode at c.goode@isd.in.gov

Grantee Name: Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.

Please attach letters of support			
Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
1. Purdue Extension Office/Crawford	\$500.00	6. NACD	
2. Crawford Co Cattleman's Association	\$1,000.00	7. Lincoln Hills RC&D	\$400.00
3. NRCS	\$300.00	8.	
4. Crawford County Highway Department	\$250.00	9.	
5. Floyd County SWCD	\$100.00	10.	
Total			\$2,550.00

Grantee Address: 309 Oak Hill Circle PO Box 189
Address: English, In 47118
City/State/Zip

Grantee Contact Name: Rhonda Crecelius
Title: District Office Manager
Address: 309 Oak Hill Circle
City/State/Zip: English, In 47118
County: Crawford
Telephone: 812-338-3224
E-mail: rhonda.crecelius@in.nacdn.net

Grant Amount: \$5,373.00

Project Start Date: immediately

Project Expiration Date: Dec-07

Federal ID Number: 35-1263471

Signature Authority (District Chairman):
Name: William Breeding

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)
no

Project Title and Short Description: Crawford County Conservation Information Program
The project serves to inform and educate the general public, students and land users on natural resource on conservation issues, conservation measures to address those issues and opportunities available for technical and financial assistance through various county, state and federal agencies and programs. The Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District proposes to accomplish these activities by planning and hosting two field days (Cattleman's and no-till), two educational workshops (Riverwatch and Septic System 101), developing a web-site, and by distributing informational material through SWCD quarterly newsletter, our local newspaper, WBRO Radio and Channel 2 Television thereby establishing the SWCD as a clearinghouse for natural resource conservation information. Information for Cattleman and no-till field days will be left at local business in the area to help promote the events.

Where is the project located?
County: Crawford
Region: South-Southeast
Watershed: Blue Sinking, Patoka, Lower Ohio-Little Pigeon

How will the project impact the geographic area?

By educating and informing land users and the public of potential environmental issues that may directly affect their communities, and the different sources available for technical and/or financial assistance to address those issues, there will be a significant reduction in the negative impacts on natural resources in Crawford County. The eastern part of Crawford County is part of the Karst region and is the site of Marengo Cave, a national attraction. Little Blue River, Otter Creek and Bogard Creek appear on IDEM's 303d list of impaired watersheds for impaired biotic communities, sulfates, total dissolved solids and also E. Coli. 90.7% of Crawford County soils have severe limitations for septic systems. Better management of cropland, grazing land and forests will improve soil quality and health, reduce soil erosion and sediment loading to streams, enhance plant and animal health (livestock, aquatics & upland wildlife), improve air quality and ultimately improve ground and surface water quality. The geographic locality of Crawford County will achieve short and long term, definitive, positive benefits to the natural resource base from the implementation of the SWCD Conservation Information Program.

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.

The project will implement a program to create materials, plan events, and develop informational resources for the public in Crawford County to learn more on conserving natural resources. The following items planned are:

1. Promote the district and the conservational needs by placing nine signs, with the districts name and phone number, on the state highways at the county line, 2 signs for our two no-till drills and one sign at the entrance of our street. The SWCD is not located in a service center. The service center is in an adjacent county, which means less foot traffic coming through the SWCD office. Also signs to place at local farms where no-till have been used.
2. Create flyers for the annual Cattleman's Association's Farm Tour to help promote the conservation practices and programs, such as EQIP and CRP, that have been applied to the land. Advertise for this event in local papers and also on the local radio station.
3. Develop a web-site to promote the SWCD, the federal programs that are available and also any educational workshops that are being held. The quarterly newsletter will be made available on-line to help reduce postage cost. Also information will be provided on-line for the public to help answer any questions they may have at anytime.
4. Promote the NACD 2007 Soil & Water Stewardship week by providing material to all the local schools and local churches to help educate the children and adults in the community on the importance of conserving our natural resources.
5. Host a Riverwatch training workshop to help make the community aware of the water quality problems that the county faces and how they can be prevented.
6. Conduct a field day to educate home builders and local residents on the importance of installing and maintaining septic systems correctly.

If the SWCD is able to do the proposed items above it hopes to accomplish the following:

1. Cleaner drinking water and cleaner rivers and lakes for recreational purposes.
2. Establish an effective, locally led conservation delivery system that addresses local resource concerns and needs through technical, educational and financial assistance.
3. Utilize the latest technology to deliver information about conservation needs in Crawford County.
4. Provide a positive message describing the benefits of conservation.

Finally, the Crawford County SWCD wants to promote all these items; however the budget is extremely limited. In 2005, outside of the Office Manager's salary/fringe benefits, the District received \$300.00 for operating funds from the county. By working with county officials and utilizing tools such as the Leveraging Sheet, the SWCD Board increased this amount to \$1850.00 in 2006. The SWCD plans to continue progressing forward on meeting its landowners needs and promoting the valuable role the District plays in this. Securing additional grant funds will help meet these goals as listed above.

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

The Conservation Information Program directly correlates with the Crawford County SWCD business plan by addressing action items in each area of concern that was identified through local public meetings. These areas of concern include Marketing, Soil Erosion, Water Quality, Septic Concerns, Nutrient Management, Forest and Wildlife Management and Non-Native Invasive Species Management. First and foremost the program will promote awareness and recognition of the Crawford County SWCD and its role and mission in the community. Mission Statement: The Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District will provide guidance, coordination and technical assistance through an effective conservation program that educates and assists the public, land users and local units of government in sustaining our soil, water and related natural resources. The program will enable the SWCD to educate and assist land users in soil conservation principles and raise their consciousness of food security and the impact for future generations, by increasing the use of no-till by 10% by 2009. It will heighten public awareness on the importance of surface and ground water quality and the link to a healthful environment, as well as ways to enhance water quality by hosting a Riverwatch training workshop to educate the public on local water concerns.

In addition by hosting a septic workshop, the program will promote awareness and provide education on septic systems and the potential impact on water quality and human health, as well as educate land users in the need for, and technical principles of sound nutrient management programs. It will also provide information and education in forest and wildlife management techniques, and overall emphasize the associated multiple economic and environmental benefits of implementing conservation practice and land management plans. All of the above are action items as listed in the business plan. The Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District implemented its business plan in 2005. By using the Leveraging Sheet the SWCD has been able to increase the amount of operational funds given by the county government. Securing additional funding through the Clean Water-Indiana Grants Program will further the SWCD's ability to reach its goals as mentioned in the business plan and also provide a consistent and positive message describing the economic, environmental, and quality of life benefits of conservation.

The goals and outcomes of this project compliment the mission, vision, desired outcomes and strategies of the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan by helping to provide cleaner drinking water, enhance the quality of life for Indiana citizens and cleaner streams, rivers and lakes for recreation just to name a few. By developing a web-site the SWCD will be able to establish an effective, locally led conservation delivery system that addresses local resource needs.

Budget		
	Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel		
Fringe Benefits		
Travel	300 miles @ 34 cents	\$102.00
Equipment (Itemize)		
	1. 9 SWCD signs for county borders on state highways	\$600.00
	2. 2 signs to place on No-till Drills	\$180.00
	3. 1 sign (street entrance)	\$200.00
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Supplies (Itemize)		
	1. paper	\$100.00
	2. ink cartridges	\$1,210.00
	3. advertisement (3 times in local paper)	\$216.00
	4. advertisement (6 months air time, local radio station)	\$840.00
	5. advertisement (6 months tv time, local television station)	\$840.00
	6. Soil & Water Stewardship week material	\$500.00
	7. postage 1500 newsletter @39 cents each	\$585.00
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Other		
	Total CWI Funds Requested	\$5,373.00
	Total SWCD Funds Contributed	\$3,312.00
	Total Partner Funds Contributed (Line 20)	\$2,550.00
	Total Project Cost	\$11,235.00

New contract expiration date:
October 1, 2008



2007 CWI Grant Amendment Request

Harrison Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-420

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

Due to the death of our fellow supervisor, Roscoe Emily, & the illness of our office manager, Virginia Morris, we had to postpone our planned field day for 2007. The site for our field day was to be on Mr. Emily's farm. We need additional time to determine if it can still be held there or if we need to secure another site. Our office manager was under-going cancer treatments & could not perform all the duties required to planning the field day. Our plans now are to tentatively hold the field day in August 2008. Please consider our request in this matter.

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Friday, November 30, 2007.

<p>How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?</p> <p>The mission of the Harrison County Soil & Water Conservation District is to provide direction, coordination, technical and educational assistance to the land users of Harrison County in the conservation and wise use of soil, water and related resources.</p> <p>The planned field day relates to our mission statement and local led meeting concerns. Our recent local led meeting was to identify areas of public concern. Water quality was the number one concern. Many of the planned topics planned for the field day will address this issue. This information will be used to update our business plan and to get suggestions for our field day. The program will promote awareness and suggestions to assist land users and citizens to care for our natural resources. This project is a priority with the District supervisors who want to educate for better conservation practices in Harrison County. Our field day also ties in with the Indiana Conservation Partnership Strategic Plan. This planned program goes hand in hand with the state vision for conservation. This vision includes clean water, productive soils, and enhanced quality of life for Harrison County citizens. By being an active District, we expect our county to receive more federal funds for conservation practices.</p>

Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	
Fringe Benefits	
Travel	
Equipment (Itemize)	
1. Tractor and wagon rental for transportation @ \$50/hr	\$200
2. Port-A-Potty rental	\$75
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Supplies (Itemize)	
1. Postage for mailing newsletters and flyers	\$289
2. Advertisement in newspaper	\$272
3. Printing of flyers and newsletter regarding field day	\$250
4. Color ink cartridge	\$100
5. Paper and envelopes	\$100
6. Miscellaneous	\$100
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Other	
Total CWI Funds Requested	\$1,386
Total USWD Funds Contributed	\$3,060
Total Adherents Funds Contributed (Line 20)	\$520
Total Project Cost	\$4,966

New contract expiration date:
October 1, 2008



2007 CWI Grant Amendment Request

Morgan Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-427

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

Our CWI buget has over \$700 in speaker fees for our Workshop Series. Our last worshop sessions have been difficult to organize due to the busy speaker schedules this time of the year. Morgan County is requesting to have until October 1, 2008 to complete our last workshop, this will enable us plenty of time to fulfill our intent with our origioinal CWI grant request. We currently have a speaker lined up for February 13, 2008 and are finalizing additional event. Additional time would be of great value.

Respectfully submitted
Carla Kay Allen
Education Coordinator
Morgan County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Friday, November 30, 2007.



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Grantee Name: Morgan County Soil & Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.
Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
1. NRCS & FSA District Support	\$240	6. County Parks & Recreation Districts	\$150
2. Purdue Extension Service	\$310	7. Maple Turn Utilities	\$60
3. DNR - District Wildlife Biologist	\$360	8. Fallwood Nature Center	\$60
4. Local Forestry Consultants	\$175	9. South Central Indiana REMC	\$360
5. Morgan County Farm Bureau	\$60	10.	
			Total
			\$1,775.00

Grantee Address: 1328 Morton Avenue, Suite 2
Address: 1328 Morton Avenue, Suite 2
City/State/Zip: Martinsville, IN 46151

Grantee Contact Name: Carla Kay Allen
Title: Conservation Education Coordinator, Carla Kay Allen
Address: 1328 Morton Avenue, Suite 2
City/State/Zip: Martinsville, IN 46151
County: Morgan
Telephone: 765-342-5594 extension 3
E-mail: carla-allen@laswcd.org

Grant Amount: \$2,850.00

Project Start Date: January 1, 2007

Project Expiration Date: December 31, 2007

Federal ID Number: 04-3819097

Signature Authority (District Chairman):
Name: Louis E. Feagans

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)
No

Project Title and Short Description:	
<p>2007 Conservation Workshop Series: Morgan County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is submitting a funding request to support a conservation workshop series. The series will host four workshops, one workshop each quarter throughout 2007: 1) Tree Selection and Planting- A local forester to speak to the topic as well as provide answers to citizen's tree/forestry questions. Participants will receive a tree seedling for attending. This particular workshop will kick off Morgan County SWCD's first annual tree seedlings sale. All funds raised will support future creative conservation programming. SWCD will seek additional financial sponsorship for this workshop from various local wood industries. 2) Warm Season Grasses / Planting and Management - This program will inform and educate all levels of planting and maintenance of warm season grasses. The District Wildlife Biologist is willing to offer expert assistance with this workshop. The workshop will be held on farm property offering opportunity for grass burn demonstrations as well as proper usage of grass drills. Morgan County SWCD office will make known the grass drill rental availability as well as promote and FSA cost-share programs, CRP & WHIP. 3) Buffer Strips and Wildlife Habitats - The workshop will focus on Morgan County's Quail Habitat Priority program sharing purpose for and added benefits of buffer strips in regards to wildlife. SWCD will partner with REMC of Central Indiana and the District Biologist, Josh Griffin to sponsor the event providing funding and expertise for quail habitats to county citizen's thus supporting participation in NRCS and FSA cost share programs and REMC's financial support for quail habitat. 4) Invasive Species - A field expert will be invited to speak on invasive species with an emphasis on removal of invasives and replacement with native species. All participants will receive a packet of native wildflower seeds.</p>	
Where is the project located?	
County	Morgan
Region	North South West Region
Watershed	The West Central Morgan County White River Watershed (HUC 05120201160)
How will the project impact the geographic area?	
<p>The workshop series is geared to address local environmental issues. The series will bring awareness to the above topics and provide sources, funding and expertise for County citizens. Benefits include building quality partnerships with local businesses, promote and extend the opportunity for cost-share programs as well as increase funding via seedling sales and grass drill rental to the SWCD office.</p>	
Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.	
<p>Key steps will include: securing expert speakers by December of 2006, thorough marketing and advertising of the workshop series and finish with useful promotional give-a-ways with printed materials at each workshop to assist workshop participants to implement the workshop message. With this being the first attempt at a conservation workshop series for Morgan County this workshop series alone is a benchmark. Following each workshop participants will have an opportunity to share subjective feedback concerning the workshop as well as submit suggestions for future workshop topics. The ultimate desired outcome will be to continue the message that Morgan County SWCD is the premier resource for responsible soil and water conservation while increasing partnership with local conservation entities.</p>	
How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?	
<p>This proposal will support Morgan County SWCD Business Plan by addressing five out of six Critical Natural Resource Issues which include: Water Quality, Drainage and Floodplain Management; Soil Conservation; Promotion and Maintenance of Wildlife Habitat and Green Spaces; Responsible Development; Conservation Public Education. This proposal also supports Indiana Conservation Partnership Strategies including public outreach with a consistent and positive message concerning environmental issues and quality of life benefits; establish a quarterly delivery system to address local resource needs.</p>	

Budget:		
	Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
	Personnel	
	Fringe Benefits	
	Travel	
	Equipment (Itemize)	
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	Supplies (Itemize)	
	1. Ink Cartridge refills	\$260
	2. Paper for flyers Promotional Items	\$120
	3. Promotional Items to give-a-way at each workshop	\$525
	4. Tree Seedlings	\$125
	5. Wildflower Seed Mix	\$85
	6. Advertising (newspaper and radio spots)	\$860
	7. Speakers Fees	\$875
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	Other	
	Total CWI Funds Requested	\$2,850
	Total SWCD Funds Contributed	\$640
	Total Project Cost	\$3,490

New contract expiration date:
October 1, 2008



2007 CWI Grant Amendment Request

Pike Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-431

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

The Pike County SWCD requests an extension of their CWI grant in order to print our planned brochure outlining NRCS conservation programs & practices. We would like to complete the brochure after action is completed on the new Farm Bill so we can provide accurate & current information & enable us to hold a public meeting to inform landowners of any new changes affecting them. We would also like to run our grass drill advertising in the spring, which would be more effective than running it during the winter months. Your consideration of our request is appreciated.

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Grantee Name: Pike County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.

Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
1. Pike County SWCD		6. Agribusinesses (i.e. Petersburg Co-op)	\$200
2. USDA - NRCS		7.	
3. Purdue CES		8.	
4. USDA - FSA		9.	
5. Local Media (The Press-Dispatch)		10.	
			Total
			\$200.00

Grantee Address:
Address 2101 E Main Street
City/State/Zip Petersburg, Indiana 47567

Grantee Contact Name:
Title Karen Elgin, Admin. Sec-Treas.
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County Pike
Telephone 812-354-6120, #3
E-mail karen.elgin@in.nacdn.net

Grant Amount:
\$5,413.00

Project Start Date:
3/1/2007

Project Expiration Date:
3/1/2008

Federal ID Number:
35-1171226

Signature Authority (District Chairman):
Name David Flint, District Chairman

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)
No

Project Title and Short Description:
Pike County Conservation Initiative

We propose to utilize staff time, host educational events and advertise to promote conservation practices and federal and state programs related to the conservation of soil erosion and the enhancement of wildlife habitat. Key practices to be promoted through these activities would include no-till and conservation tillage, warm season grasses, filter strips, grassed waterways and water and sediment control basins (WASCOBs).

Where is the project located?
County Pike County
Region South-Southwest Region
Watershed Patoka and White River Watersheds

How will the project impact the geographic area?

Patoka River is the major river that drains the majority of our county. It is identified as an impacted river by the IDEM 303d list due to siltation and turbidity, both of which can be associated with soil erosion concerns. This project will impact Pike County by reducing soil erosion through the establishment of conservation practices such as no-till and conservation tillage, filter strips, warm season grasses, grassed waterways, and WASCObS. In addition to helping control erosion, many of these practices will also help enhance the local wildlife habitat in Pike County.

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.

Key Steps:

To address the identified concerns of soil erosion and wildlife management, the Pike County SWCD proposed the following steps as part of our *Pike County Conservation Initiative*:

1. Host a Pike County Conservation Field Day focusing on available conservation practices and federal cost-share programs related to soil conservation and wildlife habitat.
2. Cooperate with Purdue Cooperative Extension Service's Pike County Ag. Day to provide information display (normal attendance over 220).
3. Educate farmers about no-till and related conservation-oriented topics through the support of the Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar (attendance - 80).
4. Work with local Press-Dispatch newspaper to develop a conservation edition with emphasis on available soil conservation practices and programs (coverage - over 5,000).
5. Work with agri-businesses (i.e. Petersburg Co-op) to promote to their clients through agri-business newsletter mailings and one-on-one visits with clients the available conservation practices and federal and state programs.
6. Work with Purdue Cooperative Extension Service on newsletter articles with emphasis on available soil conservation practices and programs (coverage - over 700 households).
7. Work with the Farm Service Agency on newsletter articles with emphasis on available conservation practices and programs (coverage -1600).
8. Develop a brochure for Pike County residents promoting available programs and practices related to soil conservation and wildlife habitats.
9. Promote available programs to walk-in clients.
10. Promote all USDA, CRP and EQIP practices.

Benchmarks:

1. Number of newly adopted no-till and conservation tillage systems on Pike County row crop fields.
2. Number of feet of newly installed filter strips and waterways.
3. Number of newly installed water and sediment control basins (WASCoBs).
4. Number of additional acres of wildlife habitat areas.
5. Number of landowners enrolling in federal and state assistance programs.
6. Number of individuals attending sponsored educational events

Desired Outcomes:

1. Increase of conservation practices such as filter strips, waterways and water and sediment control basins by 5%.
2. Increase adoption of no-till and conservation tillage systems on row crop areas by 5%.
3. Increase upland small game (esp. rabbit and quail) wildlife habitat areas by 20%.
4. Decrease water quality concerns, especially those related to sedimentation, nutrients and pesticides.

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

This project addresses two critical natural resource issues from the Pike County SWCD Business Plan - **Soil Erosion** and **Wildlife Management**. This project will help us make *progress* towards the following SWCD goals for the identified issues:

Soil Erosion - Increase no-till and conservation tillage by 10% by 2010.

- Increase filter strips by 10% by 2010.

- Increase waterways and water and sediment control basins (WASCoBs) by 10% by 2010.

Wildlife Management - Increase upland small game (esp. quail and rabbit) wildlife habitat areas by 50% by 2010.

This project also correlates with the Indiana Conservation Partnership (ICP) Strategic Plan by addressing the desired outcomes of:

1. Clean drinking water.
2. Cleaner streams, rivers & lakes for recreation.
3. Productive soils for Indiana's farmers.

The ICP strategy that this project utilizes is that of **outreach** by providing a consistent and positive message describing the economic, environmental and quality of life benefits of conservation for the residents of Pike County.

Budget:	
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	\$3,090
Fringe Benefits	
Travel	
Equipment (Itemize)	
1. Digital Camera and Accessories	\$500
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Supplies (Itemize)	
1. Printing of Professional Brochure	\$392
2. Field day, test plot, speaker, buses, advertising, flyers	\$2,770
3. Support for Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar and to rent van	\$265
4. Postage for mailings	\$156
5. Advertising for Warm Season Grass Drill	\$240
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Other	
Total CWI Funds Requested	\$5,413
Total SWCD Funds Contributed	\$1,800
Total Partner Funds Contributed (Line 20)	\$200
Total Project Cost	\$7,413

New contract expiration date:
October 1, 2008



2007 CWI Grant Amendment Request

Tippecanoe Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-434

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

As of today, buffer information has been mailed to 55 landowners. Many of these landowners are interested in learning more about establishing buffers. The original plan was for the Rural Conservation Coordinator to follow-up with these individuals. At this time, the Rural Conservation Coordinator position has been vacated. It is expected that the position will be filled by the end of December, but it will take some time for the new employee to begin making site visits. Extending the contract would allow time for both the coordinator and consultant to complete the buffer promotion as planned.

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Grantee Name:
Tippecanoe County SWCD

List specific partners who will assist with this project as well as the amount of their contribution.
Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
Tipmont Envirowatts Grant (\$10,000 for drill)		Wildcat Creek Guardians (letter)	
Indiana Smallmouth Conservation (cash)	\$2,000		
Tippecanoe SWCD (cash)	\$1,000		
IDEM (letter of support)			
Wildcat Creek Foundation (letter)			
Total			\$3,000.00

Grantee Address:
Address 1812 Troxel Drive, Suite C3
City/State/Zip Lafayette, IN 47909

Grantee Contact Name:
Title Linda Eastman
Address 1812 Troxel Drive, Suite C3
City/State/Zip Lafayette, IN 47909
County Tippecanoe
Telephone 765-474-9992, ext. 3
E-mail linda.eastman@in.nacdn.net

Grant Amount:
\$5,400.00

Project Start Date:
1-Jan-07

Project Expiration Date:
7/1/2009 (project would extend into '09 due to timing of tree orders and planting dates)

Federal ID Number:
27-0143498

Signature Authority (District Chairman):
Name Roger Verhey

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)
No

Project Title and Short Description:
Establishing Conservation Buffers along the Wildcat Creek in Tippecanoe County - Buffers are a critical conservation practice needed to improve water quality and wildlife habitat. This effort is designed to increase the number of riparian buffers and filterstrips along Wildcat Creek in Tippecanoe County. Planting trees along water bodies has not been a popular practice in this watershed for a number of reasons. This program is designed to mitigate those issues. Conservation Buffers will be marketed to landowners who own land that lacks a buffer adjacent to the stream.

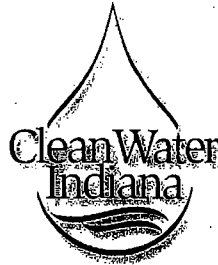
Where is the project located?
County Tippecanoe
Region South Region - Northwest Area
Watershed Wildcat Creek Watershed

<p>How will the project impact the geographic area?</p> <p>The establishment of conservation buffers of trees and/or native grasses will improve wildlife habitat along the creek. Trees provide shade which will improve habitat for many different aquatic species. Native grass buffers will provide a place for nesting, brood rearing and cover. In addition, these buffers will help filter out sediment, nutrients, pesticides and other contaminants from stormwater runoff from entering the Wildcat Creek. Establishment of these conservation buffers will have a long term impact on water quality and wildlife habitat on the Wildcat.</p>
<p>Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.</p> <p>A preliminary analysis of aerial photographs indicates that 197 landowners own property along the Wildcat Creek in Tippecanoe County with a riparian or grassed area less than 120' in width. 18 of the owners also farm the land. 179 of the remaining owners have 48 different tenants farming these parcels. Priority will be given to areas currently being farmed up to the edge of the creek or are absent of trees along the creek. The number of conservation buffers needed will be sorted by major tributaries of the Wildcat: Main Channel near the Wabash River, North Fork, Middle Fork, and South Fork. The South Fork is a high priority as it will be named a TMDL watershed shortly. The SWCD will contact all 197 landowners along the Wildcat in Tippecanoe County. To promote the program, the SWCD will mail letters and brochures explaining the benefits of conservation buffers along streams to landowners with cropland adjacent to the Wildcat Creek and its tributaries. In addition, a consultant will be contracted to follow up with landowners who respond to the letter and express an interest in the program. The consultant will meet with the landowners in person to explain details of the program.</p> <p>Landowners will be encouraged to enroll cropland acres into the USDA Continuous CRP sign-up. Dollars received from CWI and partners will be used to develop marketing materials, make personal contacts with landowners, sponsor at least one informational workshop, and provide an incentive bonus to landowners who agree to install conservation buffers adjacent to the stream. The consultant selected for contract will have the necessary technical and people skills to "sell" this program to local landowners. It is estimated that 48 acres of buffers are needed to completely protect the streams in the Wildcat Creek watershed in Tippecanoe County. The goal of this grant is to buffer 10 acres. The contractor will be paid \$10.00 per person he/she discusses the program with either in person or by phone up to a maximum of 50 landowners (\$500).</p> <p>Priority will be to contact the most interested individuals first, followed by those who own the areas identified most critical. The Contractor will also be paid \$100 per signed CRP contract with a maximum of \$2000.</p> <p>The incentive payment to landowners will be \$500 per acre for planting trees, and \$200 per acre for grasses with a maximum incentive not to exceed 2 acres per contract or person. This grant will enable incentives for a combination of up to 10 acres of trees or 25 acres of grasses conservation buffers for a total not to exceed \$5000.</p> <p>The consultant will develop a template showing estimate of dollars the landowner will be paid from the CRP and "incentive bonus". The SWCD Rural Conservation Coordinator will assist landowners in the coordination of ordering plant material, planting, and maintenance issues.</p> <p>watershed and other watersheds in Tippecanoe County.</p>

<p>How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?</p> <p>Buffers are a high priority for the Tippecanoe SWCD and are also a major component of the SWCD's business plan. In addition, buffers are a priority of the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan.</p>

Budget:	
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	
Fringe Benefits	
Travel	
Equipment (Itemize)	
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Supplies (Itemize)	
Paper, envelopes and postage	\$400
Brochure Materials	\$500
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Other	
Payment to consultant to make personal contact with 50 individuals	\$500
Payment to consultant for each signed contract submitted (\$100/contract)	\$2,000
Incentive Payment to Landowners	\$5,000
Total CWI Funds Requested	\$5,400
Total SWCD Funds Contributed	\$1,000
Total Partner Funds Contributed (Line 20)	\$2,000
Total Project Cost	\$8,400

New contract expiration date:
October 1, 2008



2007 CWI Grant Amendment Request

Spencer Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-433

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

We need more time to be able to spend the monies allocated from areas that we over estimated on. I did not understand how the grant really works. Being my first time writing and administering a grant, I thought we needed to get the items done for as little as possible. I also misunderstood that all the money needed to be spent not just that we completed the tasks that we put in the grant. I apologize for having to come to you for an extension of time.

Thank You,
Trish Dugas

This form must be filled out and e-mailed to Amy Eizinger aeizinger@isda.in.gov by
Friday, November 30, 2007.



APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
PROGRAM MARKETING
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Use this form to apply for CWI Grant Program Marketing.
This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Chris Goode at cgoode@isda.in.gov.

Grantee Name: Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project as well as the amount of their contribution.
Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
1. Ducks Unlimited		6. Milas Farm Service	
2. Quail Unlimited		7. IDNR, Forestry	
3. Spencer County Extension Service		8. IDNR Fish & Wildlife	
4. USDA-NRCS (Perry/Spencer Field Office)		9. South Spencer High School FFA	
5. USDA-Farm Service Agency (Perry/Spencer)		10.	
		Total	

Grantee Address:
Address: 2827 W. State Road 66, Suite C
City/State/Zip: Rockport, IN 47635

Grantee Contact Name: Irish Dugas
Title: District Technician
Address: 2827 W. State Road 66, Suite C
City/State/Zip: Rockport, IN 47635
County: Spencer
Telephone: (812) 649-9136 x3
E-mail: Irish.dugas@in.nacdn.net

Grant Amount:
\$18,460.00

Project Start Date:
Mar-07

Project Expiration Date:
Mar-08

Federal ID Number:
35-1072397

Signature Authority: District Chairman
Name: Mark Lubbehusen, District Chairman

Are you considering a minority business? (yes or no)
No

Project Title and Short Description:

Spencer County Soil, Water and Wildlife Habitat Initiative
Spencer County SWCD proposes to employ staff time, educational events and informational outreach to promote the planning and implementation of conservation practices used to address soil erosion (i.e. no-till & high-residue systems, cover crops, crop rotation), water quality improvement (i.e. field borders, filter strips, buffers areas), and wildlife habitat. To do this the SWCD, staff and cooperating partners will promote needed conservation practices addressing these concerns, as well as federal cost-share programs such as EQIP, CRP, WHIP, and WRP. Our proposed project will not only help residents address erosion, water quality and wildlife habitat concerns through the establishment of needed conservation practices, but will also improve landowners' chances of approval for higher "tiers" when they apply for Conservation Security Program (CSP) when it becomes available in Spencer County.

Where is the project located?
County: Spencer
Region: South Southwest
Watershed: All watersheds within Spencer County (including Pigeon Creek, Lower Ohio River, Anderson River)

<p>How will the project impact the geographic area?</p> <p>Through partnership programs with NRCS and FSA, this program addresses water quality concerns by implementing needed conservation practices resulting in reduced soil erosion and improved water quality for Spencer County, while also having the added benefit of enhancing and establishing wildlife habitat. Conservation practices such as no-till and conservation tillage, cover crops, filter strips, and field borders will reduce soil erosion and keep sediment from entering streams and other adjacent bodies of water. Field borders and buffer areas help to reduce fertilizer and pesticide run off into streams and rivers. Most, if not all, of these practices are also designed to improve water quality while improving wildlife habitat. Filter strips, forest stands, and hedge rows in particular provide cover and food for wildlife, and improve water quality. Quail habitat borders will provide buffers for clean water, shelter for raising young, and food plots.</p> <p>Programs such as CRP encourage farmers to convert highly erodible cropland or other environmentally sensitive acreage to vegetative cover such as grass waterways, native grasses, wildlife plantings, trees, filter strips and riparian buffers. EQIP contract holders improve water quality by implementing one or more of the following: grassed waterways, filter strips, manure management facilities, watering facilities, forest stand improvements, composting facilities, hedge row plantings, no-till conservation and other practices. Incentives are paid for performing land management practices such as nutrient management, pest management, manure application, irrigation water use, and wildlife habitat establishment. Landowners entering acres into the Wetland Reserve Program will plant trees and allow croplands to revert to bottomland hardwood forests, which results in less scour and gully erosion as well as improved air quality.</p> <p>Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.</p> <p>Spencer County SWCD proposes to address the issues of soil erosion, water quality and wildlife habitat using a variety of marketing methods with the intended goal of reaching a broad audience. To do this, we propose to implement the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWCD technical staff will visit, consult, and promote NRCS conservation programs through farm visits to implement water and soil quality saving practices. • Host a No-Till/Cover Crop Field Day to showcase the success of conservation tillage and related practices on a successful EQIP farm; and to promote available federal programs and conservation practices. • Host a Wildlife and Wetlands Workshop to promote available practices such as filter strips, field borders, and establishment of wildlife habitat, as well as available federal and state programs. • Establish a demonstration area to showcase conservation practices and wildlife habitat efforts. • Assist in hosting the Perry-Spencer Coop Day (estimated attendance 100 people). • Support and promote Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar (estimated attendance 90). • Quail Unlimited annual meeting - ask for permission to have office staff speak to landowners about cost-share programs and conservation practices they might not already be familiar with. • Construct and man a fair booth focusing on cover crops at the Spencer County 4-H Fair. • Promote cooperative efforts with local organizations such as Ducks Unlimited and Quail Unlimited to establish additional wildlife habitat and buffers. • Work with the Conservation Tillage Initiative (CTI) and other statewide sources to obtain posters and handouts promoting conservation tillage and cover crops. • SWCD staff will edit, write articles for and distribute "Soil Scoop," a quarterly joint newsletter with Perry County SWCD and Perry/Spencer County FSA (estimated coverage 3000). • Spencer County SWCD staff will provide articles to Spencer County Cooperative Extension Service for their newsletter. • Spencer County SWCD staff will work with Perry County News and the Spencer County Journal-Democrat to have a conservation edition/annual report with special emphasis on no-till/conservation farming, cover crops, filter strips and buffers, wildlife habitat, and related technical practices and federal programs. • Spencer County SWCD staff will provide articles to both the Spencer County Journal-Democrat and the Dale Leader newspapers to educate the public about soil erosion, conservation tillage, cover crops, filter strips and buffers, wildlife habitat, and available federal programs. • Spencer County SWCD supervisors, associates, and staff will promote conservation tillage, cover crops, filter strips and buffers, and wildlife habitat and available federal programs by word of mouth through casual contacts whenever the opportunity arises. • Spencer County SWCD staff will promote conservation practices and cost-share programs to casual contacts, such as landowners and operators who walk into, telephone, or email the office with questions. <p>Benchmarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of acres of newly adopted no-till, conservation tillage and cover crop acres Number of acres of newly installed field borders, filter strips, buffer areas and wildlife habitat Number of additional enrollees in federal and state conservation cost-share programs Number of participants in public educational events, such as field days and workshops Number of brochures and news articles developed to promote conservation practices and available cost-share programs Bi-annual progress check of programs and progress of grant <p>Desired Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in the amount of no-till and conservation tillage systems Development of a county-wide program to promote and fund the installation of filter strips and field borders Better alliances with Quail Unlimited and Ducks Unlimited to educate landowners and promote wildlife habitat restoration
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How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

This proposed conservation initiative was developed from the Spencer County SWCD business plan and directly addresses the identified critical natural resource issues of soil erosion, water quality and wildlife habitat. Statements of intent (goals) that this proposal works towards accomplishing include:

Soil Erosion Increase the amount of conservation tillage by 15%, based on 2004 tillage transect numbers.

Water Quality Develop a countywide program to promote and fund installation of filter strips and field borders.

Wildlife Habitat Form better alliances with the Wild Turkey Federation, Quail Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, Waterfowl USA, etc., to educate landowners and promote wildlife habitat restoration.

In addition, this project correlates with the ICP Strategic Plan by addressing the desired outcomes of Clean Drinking Water; Cleaner Streams, Rivers & Lakes for Recreation; Productive Soils for Indiana's Farmers and Enhanced Quality of Life for Indiana Citizens. This project does this by addressing the ICP strategies of Delivery Systems and Outreach by "establishing an effective, locally led conservation delivery system that addresses local resource needs through financial, technical and educational assistance" and by "providing a consistent and positive message describing the economic, environmental, and quality of life benefits of conservation" for the residents of Spencer County.

Budget	
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	\$10,600
Fringe Benefits	
Travel	\$1,000
Equipment (Itemize)	
1. Tabletop Display unit for 4H fair, Field Days, etc.	\$600
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Supplies (Itemize)	
1. Advertising/Flyers for conservation practices, programs,	\$100
2. Conservation soil/wetland saved notice signs	\$400
3. Promotions	\$850
4. News Ads (4x4 display ads) run 8 times per year	\$850
5. Soil Scoop quarterly newsletter & postage	\$800
6. Special newspaper conservation report once per year	\$300
7. Field Day speakers 3 per day (2 events)	\$1,000
8. Advertising, flyers, supplies and etc. for Field Day	\$1,860
9.	
10.	
Other	
Total CWI Funds Requested	\$18,460
IBHISWCD Funds Contributed	\$3,000
Total Partner Funds Contributed (IBHISWCD)	\$200
Total Project Cost	\$21,660

New contract expiration date:
October 1, 2008



2006 CWI Grant Amendment Request

Hendricks Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 6-CWI-405

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

Our grant (6-CWI-405) is to promote the Indiana Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program to landowners in that portion of Hendricks County within the Upper White River Watershed. This part of the county is rapidly urbanizing, which makes convincing landowners to sign-up for 14-15 years in a conservation program difficult, when they may want to sell. We have money left as we near the end of our previous extension (December 31, 2007) and would like to utilize as much of the remaining money as possible. Our hope is that CREP will continue to be offered in this watershed in 2008.

This form must be filled out and e-mailed to Amy Eizinger aeizinger@isda.in.gov by
Friday, November 30, 2007.



APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
PROGRAM MARKETING
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Use this form to apply for CWI Grants: Program Marketing. This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted on this form or an identical copy.			
1.	Name of Soil and Water Conservation District sponsoring project: Hendricks County SWCD		
2.	Address of Soil and Water Conservation District (street, city, state, and ZIP code): 195 Meadow Drive Danville, Indiana 46122		
3.	<table border="1"><tr><td>Primary contact person (name, affiliation, address): Jeffrey L. Kingdon SWCD Natural Resource Conservationist</td><td>Primary contact (telephone, FAX, E-mail): Telephone: (317) 745-2555, Ext. 3 Fax: (317) 745-3154 E-mail: jeff.kingdon@in.nacdn.net</td></tr></table>	Primary contact person (name, affiliation, address): Jeffrey L. Kingdon SWCD Natural Resource Conservationist	Primary contact (telephone, FAX, E-mail): Telephone: (317) 745-2555, Ext. 3 Fax: (317) 745-3154 E-mail: jeff.kingdon@in.nacdn.net
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4.	<table border="1"><tr><td>Persons responsible for preparing grant application: As above.</td><td>Telephone, FAX, e-mail of persons responsible for preparing grant application: As above.</td></tr></table>	Persons responsible for preparing grant application: As above.	Telephone, FAX, e-mail of persons responsible for preparing grant application: As above.
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6.	List additional organizations who will assist with this project: Hendricks County Farm Bureau Hendricks County Purdue Extension Office		
7.	List the contributions other organizations will make to this project. Inclusion of informational items in newsletters. Mailing of flyers to patrons.		
8.	<table border="1"><tr><td>Project start date (month, date, year): April 1, 2006</td><td>Project end date (month, date, year): December 31, 2007</td></tr></table>	Project start date (month, date, year): April 1, 2006	Project end date (month, date, year): December 31, 2007
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9.	Title of project: Hendricks County Indiana CREP Program Marketing		
10.	Where is the project located? (county, region, watershed) What are the geographic characteristics of the project area? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project is located within the eastern portion of Hendricks County and marked by the boundary of the Upper White River Watershed. There are 18 14-digit sub-watersheds within this area including tributaries to Eagle Creek (metropolitan Indianapolis drinking water source) and the White Lick Creek system.• Soils in this area consist primarily of the Crosby – Brookston, Miami – Crosby, and Genessee – Shoals associations. Much of the area has poor natural drainage and requires extensive systems of artificial drainage.• The area is a mixture of farming, principally corn and soybeans, with heavily encroaching urbanization from the east.		

11.	<p>Describe the project you are proposing.</p> <p>As noted in item #10 above, the principal land use dynamic in the area is urbanization. However, grain farming and small livestock operations continue to be important in the watershed. With numerous streams and ditches, the riparian and buffer practices of the Indiana CREP offer unique opportunities to protect water quality.</p> <p>Of all of the available conservation programs for farmers, CREP provides the greatest program benefits for the eligible practices. This is an obvious marketing tool, but information must reach the target audience in sufficient detail to encourage enrollment. Securing substantial enrollment in this urbanizing environment will be challenging. This makes all the more important the need to market the program to those who are willing to participate and take advantage of program benefits.</p> <p>The marketing program will have several components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletters. Based upon materials developed by the Division of Soil Conservation, a standard informational item will be developed for inclusion in existing newsletters during the program period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The item will appear in each quarterly edition of the "Hendricks Communicator," a newsletter of the Hendricks County SWCD. ◦ The item will appear in the newsletters of the Hendricks County Farm Bureau. ◦ The local leaders of producers' commodity groups will be contacted to secure permission to include the item in their communications to their members. The Purdue Extension Office will assist in identifying these groups. ◦ The item will be included in the periodic "Knowledge to Go" newsletter of the local Purdue Ag/INR Specialist at the Extension Office. • Brochures. An informational brochure has been developed by the Division of Soil Conservation. The brochure will either be obtained from the Division or printed in sufficient quantity to do the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ An introductory letter and brochure will be mailed to the SWCD mailing list of agricultural producers working in the watershed. ◦ A similar letter and brochure will be sent out to the Extension office mailing list of producers in the watershed. ◦ Brochures will be distributed at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair in July as part of a stormwater quality booth cooperatively operated by the SWCD and the Hendricks County Partnership for Water Quality. ◦ A supply of brochures will be maintained at the FSA office in Greencastle and Lebanon. • Print media. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ A news release to the "Danville Republican," "Hendricks County Flyer," and "Hendricks County A.M." page of the "Indianapolis Star" will be developed to highlight the CREP program. ◦ An ad will be developed and a paid advertising buy will be made from the "Danville Republican" and the "Hendricks County Flyer" to promote the CREP program. • Personal contacts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 20 to 50 of the most likely CREP prospects in the watershed will be identified by the SWCD. Initial telephone calls will be made and follow-up appointments will be scheduled as agreeable with these individuals to explain the CREP program and to encourage enrollment.
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12.	<p>What is the desired project outcome? (i.e. What do you hope to accomplish?)</p> <p>Due to the pressures of urbanization in this watershed as noted above, enrollment in CREP or other conservation programs with lengthy contract periods will be limited. A goal of 15 – 20 contracts would be considered a good response.</p>
13.	<p>How will the project impact the soil and water resources of the geographic area in which it is located?</p> <p>Virtually all of the stream reaches in the area are impacted by suspended solids, sediment and other effects of agricultural drainage as well as drainage from land development. Many of the affected streams are listed due to "Impaired Biotic Communities" on IDEM's 303(d) list. The riparian and buffer practices under CREP are Best Management Practices (BMPs) for the agricultural runoff component of the problem. These, in combination with urban stormwater quality BMPs employed in the area, should protect and improve water quality in local streams.</p>
14.	<p>Does this project address a short-term problem or a chronic/on-going problem which will require additional funding once grant funds are diminished? If the project is considered chronic/on-going, explain your plans for additional funding.</p> <p>The water quality issues addressed by CREP and other agricultural conservation programs address the on-going problems of soil loss, stream sedimentation and pollution by agricultural chemicals. The Clean Water Indiana, Program Marketing Incentive grant is a new opportunity for SWCDs to market the conservation programs beyond what has been done prior to this time. It is anticipated that SWCDs will have access to continuing CWM grant funding to promote such programs from year to year. If grant funds are diminished, other funding sources may be employed consistent with availability and local priorities for those funds.</p>

15. Budget:		
EXPENSE ITEM	TOTAL COST	CWI GRANT AMOUNT
Personnel - Existing - 0.10 FTE	\$ 2,885	\$ 2,885
Fringe Benefits - at factor of 0.3	865	0
Contractual - brochure printing, ad buys	1,200	1,200
Travel - mileage reimbursement	400	400
Equipment - none	0	0
Supplies - general office	100	100
Other - postage	75	75
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$ 5,525	\$ 4,660
Total CWI funds requested: <u>\$ 4,660.00</u> Total Project Cost: <u>\$ 5,525.00</u>		
Describe Equipment Needed: None.		
Describe Supplies Needed: General office supplies, letterhead, envelopes, etc.		



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3/19/07

Dear Hendricks County SWCD,

The State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) recently received your request for an extension to your Clean Water Indiana Grant Contract # 06-CWI-405.

The SSCB considered your request and voted to extend your contract until **December 31, 2007**.

You will receive additional information regarding your extension in the near future. Please continue to file quarterly reports as stated in your contract until your project is complete.

Thank you for your commitment to Indiana soil and water conservation!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert H. Eddleman".

Bob Eddleman, Chairman
State Soil Conservation Board

cc: District Support Specialists

New contract expiration date:
October 1, 2008



2007 CWI Grant Amendment Request

Vanderburgh Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-317

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

The project is to restore an urban wetland by renovating its earthen dam water control structures. These structures were designed, funded, and installed by the Army Corp of Engineers. One of our partners on the project, the NRCS technical team, is willing to redesign the structures to function properly. However, they must have the original engineered specs in hand before they will touch the project. Over the last year, we have been communicating with the Army Corp of Engineers to obtain these documents. They have been very slow to respond to each communication, and so far have declared they cannot find the documents. We are still trying to work with them to obtain the documents, and are requesting more time on this project to do so.

This form must be filled out and e-mailed to Amy Eizinger aeizinger@isda.in.gov by
Friday, November 30, 2007.



APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Use this form to apply for CWI Grant, Unique Partnership Program.
This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Cris Goode at: cgoode@isda.in.gov.

Grantee Name: Vanderburgh County Soil & Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.
Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount*	Partner	Amount
1. Wesselman Nature Society	\$100	6.	
2. City of Evansville	\$100	7.	
3. Indiana State Department of Agriculture	\$100	8.	
4. Natural Resource Conservation Service	\$6,000	9.	
5.		10.	
*(Contributions #1-3 are in-kind; contribution #4 is WHIP program funds)			Total
			\$6,300.00

Grantee Address:
Address 12445 Highway 41 North
City/State/Zip Evansville, IN 47725

Grantee Contact Name:
Title Lauren Preske, Supervisor, Vanderburgh Co. SWCD
Address 12445 Highway 41 North
City/State/Zip Evansville, IN 47725
County Vanderburgh
Telephone 812-867-0729
E-mail lpreske@wesselmanaturesociety.org

Grant Amount:
\$5,000.00

Project Start Date:
summer 2007

Project Expiration Date:
fall 2007

Federal ID Number:
10869790000

Signature Authority (District Chairman):
Name Dave Ellison, District Chairman

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)
no

Project Title and Short Description:

Howell Wetlands Restoration: The Vanderburgh County SWCD would like to provide resources and technical assistance to assist with a 35-acre urban wetland restoration project in Vanderburgh County. Two earthen dams will be renovated to improve water management capabilities in the wetlands. The wetlands drain 365 acres of urban land, and are important for slowing, storing, and filtering stormwater runoff and septic and wastewater inputs before it enters the neighboring streams. They are also important for wildlife habitat, community greenspace, and education. The improvements will provide better control of water levels, improving wildlife habitat, water quality, and the integrity of the wetland system, while reducing soil erosion and flooding downstream.

County	Vanderburgh
Region	South-Southwest Indiana
Watershed	Pigeon-Highland Watershed, HUC code: 05140202050010

How will the project impact the geographic area?

The potential environmental, aesthetic, and economic benefits of this project to the area include:

- Reduction of non-point and point sources of pollution
- Reduced flood damage
- Reduced soil erosion
- Improved water quality
- Improved wildlife habitat
- Improved wetland integrity
- Increased use as an outdoor classroom and destination

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.

The renovation of two man-made earthen dams will involve near complete excavation of current dam structures, and rebuilding with modifications to design. Plans involve filling the excavated void with compacted clay soil, covering it with a textile to hold the soil in place, and following with a layer of large rip-rap to secure the textile. Three large boxes and culverts will be retained to allow adjustable water flow through the dam.

Key Steps:

- Develop plans for renovation of dams.
- Construct dams.

Benchmarks:

- Meet with engineers to design dam improvements.
- Schedule and contract work.
- Excavate old dam structures.
- Install improved dam systems.
- Evaluate improvements for effectiveness.

Desired outcomes:

- Full control of water levels in the restored wetlands
- Enhanced wetland ecosystem services:
 - stormwater retention, water filtration, wildlife habitat
- Reduced floodwater damage
- Reduced soil erosion
- Improved water quality
- Improved educational opportunities

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

The mission of the Vanderburgh County SWCD is to provide quality conservation services resulting in a harmonious balance between natural resources, social change and profitability through both innovative and traditional partnerships. The Vanderburgh Co. SWCD serves members of our agricultural, urban and suburban communities.

Our business plan designates the following critical natural resource issues:

- Soil Erosion
- Water Quality
- Preservation/Creation of Natural Areas (Forestry, Wildlife Habitat & Green Spaces)

Priority actions in our business plan to address these critical issues include:

- Partner with City/County parks department to preserve/create parks & related areas.
- Partner with Health Department to address water quality concerns
- Meet with Evansville Water & Sewer Utility Board to call attention to overflow concerns

This project correlates with the Indiana Conservation Partnership desired outcomes of 1.) cleaner drinking water; 2.) cleaner streams, rivers, and lakes for recreation; and 3.) enhanced quality of life for Indiana citizens. To do this, the proposed project will address the I.C.P. strategy of outreach and technical assistance to provide a consistent and positive message describing the economic, environmental, and quality of life benefits of conservation for the residents of Vanderburgh County.

Budget:		
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested	50/50 Match
Personnel (contracted services)	\$2,500	
Fringe Benefits		
Travel		
Equipment (Itemize)		
1. backhoe	\$2,500	
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Supplies (Itemize)		
1. Compacted clay soil fill		\$3,000
2. Textile fabric & Riprap		\$3,000
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Other		
Sub-total	\$5,000	\$6,000
Total CWI Funds Requested		\$5,000
Total 50/50 Match		\$6,000
Total Project Cost		\$11,000

New contract expiration date:
October 1, 2008



2007 CWI Grant Amendment Request

White Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-440

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

We were not able to finish our first grant until April of this year (2007). Both of our grants were for Marketing. We have hired a part-time technician and have spent time training and marketing conservation programs. We are in the process of sending another mailing next week marketing conservation programs. We request that you let us continue with this grant. We feel that we have made great strides to offer more timely service to our customers and would like to continue to offer that service as long as we are able. Our county gave us \$8,000 again for 2008 to help match this grant. It would be a shame to cut our services due to lack of funds. We are working with our county government building a good reputation with them.

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Friday, November 30, 2007.



APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
PROGRAM MARKETING
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Grantee Name: White County Soil & Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.
Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
White County Council	\$8,000	6.	
FSA - CRP		7.	
NRCS CIT Team - Training		8.	
ISDA - CREP		9.	
		10.	
Total			\$8,000.00

Grantee Address: 103 Country Lane
Address 103 Country Lane
City/State/Zip Monticello, IN 47960

Grantee Contact Name: Sharon Watson
Title Office Manager/Education Coordinator
Address 103 Country Lane
City/State/Zip Monticello, IN 47960
County White
Telephone 574-583-5982 X 3
E-mail sharon.watson@in.nacdn.net

Grant Amount: \$20,000.00

Project Start Date: 1-Jan-07

Project Expiration Date: 31-Dec-07

Federal ID Number: 35-1264681

Signature Authority (District Chairman):
Name Barbara Allen

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)
No

Project Title and Short Description:
Marketing Technician - This person will be responsible for marketing conservation within White County by: 1) Determining local concerns, 2) Informing landowners/operators of available programs and practices, 3) Assisting interested landowners through the conservation program process, 4) Installing conservation practices, 5) Utilizing conservation practices which are being established as a marketing tool for the CREP watershed and the County. Approximately 90% of White County lies within the Tippecanoe River CREP Watershed.

Where is the project located?	
County	White
Region	North Northwest
Watershed	Tippecanoe River

How will the project impact the geographic area?

With a technical person available, farm programs such as CREP will be understood and sought after. The Tippecanoe River has been designated the 8th most important river in North America according to a study by The Nature Conservancy. The Tippecanoe River is unique in its habitat, wildlife diversity, and recreational opportunities that it offers so it is very important to protect it from runoff and sediment that enters it through waterways, ditches, tiles, farm practices, and recreation land. By providing filter strips and riparian buffers, we can slow down the amount of soil coming into our waterways and protect the Tippecanoe River from filling up thus making dredging no longer necessary to clean it out. Dredging is a very costly practice. A lot of income in White County comes from tourism brought in from lakes and river activities. Installation of these practices will also protect our aquatic diversity and help maintain the Tippecanoe River's current designation. Loss of topsoil will be slowed which in turn provides farmers with better soil which leads to possibly higher yields. Protecting these lands and water is essential to the White County economy and to the Clean Water Indiana initiative.

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.

Soil Condition, Soil Erosion, and Water Quality are included in the White County SWCD Resource Priorities. The desired outcome will be the marketing of practices to White County's landowners that will address these concerns. Practices that address established Priorities will result in improved soil condition, increased water quality and a decrease in erosion. Two major factors in the economy of White County are Agriculture and Tourism (Lake Shafer, Lake Freeman, Indiana Beach, Tippecanoe River). The dredging of Lake Shafer and Freeman is currently underway. A local program that can help minimize the natural degradation of the lakes from the impacts of erosion will enhance the economy and quality of life in White County. Our desired outcome would be the same as the Partnership; clean drinking water, cleaner streams, rivers & lakes for recreation, and productive soils for Indiana's farmers.

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

The White County SWCD mission statement is: "We encourage quality stewardship of White Counties Natural Resources by linking landowners and available programs." In our business plan our function is to provide information about soil, water and related natural resource conservation; identify and prioritize local soil and water resource concerns; and connect land users to sources of education, technical and financial assistance to implement conservation practices and technologies. We believe that this correlates well with the Indiana Conservation Partnership's Vision for the Future. The Mission is to provide technical, financial, and educational assistance needed to implement economically and environmentally compatible land and water stewardship decisions, practices, and technologies. The White Co. SWCD feels that our critical Natural Resource issues are soil erosion, soil condition, water quality, air quality and fish and wildlife habitat. This goes along with the partnership vision that land and water stewardship assistance will improve the quality of Indiana's streams, rivers, and lakes; protect our drinking water; and increase soil quality to boost food and fiber production. We feel that by having Technical staff available to work with these issues that we will be able to get more conservation on the land.

Budget:	
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	\$10,000
Fringe Benefits	
Travel	\$2,500
Equipment (Itemize)	
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Supplies (Itemize)	
Rent plus other partnership building expenses	\$3,000
Postage	\$1,000
Publications/Newsletters/Meetings/Field Days	\$3,500
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Total CWI Funds Requested	\$20,000
Total SWOP Funds Contributed	\$2,000
Total Partner Funds Contributed (Line 20)	\$8,000
Total Project Cost	\$30,000

New contract expiration date:
October 1, 2008



2007 CWI Grant Amendment Request

Wayne Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-438

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

The Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to request an extension on their current CWI grant in order to properly promote the Wayne County Cover Crop Program. We plan to use all remaining funds to purchase cover crop seed for acreage enrolled into contracts. The district would like to extend the contract to provide an additional planting season and acquire as many acres as possible into the program.

This form must be filled out and e-mailed to Amy Eizinger aeizinger@isda.in.gov by
Friday, November 30, 2007.



APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
PROGRAM MARKETING
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Use this form to apply for CWI Grant: Program Marketing
This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Cris Goode at cgoode@isda.in.gov.

Grantee Name: Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.
Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
1. Natural Resources Conservation Service	In-kind	6.	
2. Friends of the Middle Fork	In-kind	7.	
3. Oregon Ryegrass Commission	In-kind	8.	
4.		9.	
5.		10.	
		Total	

Grantee Address:
Address 823 S. Round Barn Road
City/State/Zip Richmond, IN 47374

Grantee Contact Name:
Title Sheryl Brown, District Coordinator
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City/State/Zip Richmond, IN 47374
County Wayne
Telephone (765) 966-0191 Ext. 3
E-mail sheryl.brown@in.nacdn.net

Grant Amount:
\$15,500.00

Project Start Date:
January 1, 2007

Project Expiration Date:
January 1, 2011

Federal ID Number:
35-1067757

Signature Authority (District Chairman):
Name Harold Routson

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no):
No

Project Title and Short Description:
This five-year program will promote the planting of cover crops throughout Wayne County. The Wayne County SWCD is proposing a program which will provide cost-share monies to a maximum rate of \$10/acre on 50 acres with a maximum payment of \$500 per landowner/renter. Those joining the program and will sign a three-year commitment to the cover crop initiative will receive enough seed to plant up to 50 acres of highly erodible cropland during the first year of the program. The following two years, the landowner/renter will be responsible for continuing the purchase of seed and planting the cover crops on the same amount of ground enrolled in the program. This project will expand upon the current Wayne County SWCD agricultural demonstration plots. Funding will cover seed costs and promotional costs for design, printing, and mailing brochures. A traveling display will also be purchased and used at many annual events to promote the project.

Where is the project located?	
County	Wayne County
Region	North-Southeast
Watershed	Whitewater

How will the project impact the geographic area?

The cover crop initiative will have a direct positive impact on Wayne County's natural resources. The major soil and water resources improvement comes from the fact that cover crops help increase soil health and decrease soil erosion into local rivers and streams.

Much of Wayne County's cropland is losing too much soil through erosion to maintain its current productivity. To adequately protect our soil resources, the practices of using winter cover crops, such as rye, wheat and hairy vetch, needs to be revived where continuous row crops are grown on highly erosive soils. This cover crop initiative can help to increase the conservation needs located within our county, while increase the health of our local natural resources.

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.

The Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District's goal is to see 14,000 acres or approximately 10 percent of farmland in the county, utilizing winter cover crops plantings within the county. To get the greatest natural resources benefit, only highly erodible cropland will be eligible for the seed being distributed through the district program. This program will promote a beneficial conservation practice which is currently greatly under utilized within the county.

Cover crops will improve soil quality by supplying extra organic matter to feed and breed beneficial soil organisms for soil fertility and health. Studies have also shown an increase in infiltration and reduced soil compaction after the planting of cover crops. By increasing root structures and lessening the time of bare soil, the local waterbodies should also receive less sediment and nutrients from runoff and soil erosion. In addition, cover crops will lessen the amount of nitrate leaching into waterways.

Farmers will likely see benefits including: increase nutrient availability causing less money and time spent on applications; suppressed weed growth; less soil-born diseases; attraction of beneficial insects; and increased yields of future crops. One major economical benefit to farmers will be the lessened need for chemical applications, which will help decrease the potential for water pollution also.

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership Strategic plan?

The Wayne County Cover Crop Initiative correlates with the Wayne County SWCD's business plan by addressing the top two natural resources concerns in the county: water and soil resources. The creation of this program also closely correlates with the direction set forth by the Partnership 20/20 Vision. A key focus of this newly created program will be to educate landowners about natural resources and programs available to help implement conservation practices.

Strategies set forth in the 20/20 Vision utilized through the creation of this program include: (1) technical services - assisting customers with cover crop information and expert knowledge and (2) outreach - increasing and expanding the district's educational focus. The cover crop initiative will have a profound impact on the protection of our local natural resources. The many advantages of cover crops include benefits to soil and water quality through the reduction of runoff.

Budget	
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	
Fringe Benefits	
Travel	\$2,000
Equipment (Itemize)	
1. Display board	\$200
2. Handcrank seeder	\$300
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Supplies (Itemize)	
1. Cover crop seed (to enroll 25 participants)	\$12,500
2. Paper and printing fees	\$1,000
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Other	
Total CWI Funds Requested	\$15,500
Total SWCD Funds Contributed	\$25,000
Total Project Cost	\$35,500



Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District
996 W. State Road 66 Suite 102
Rockport, IN 47635-9260

December 3, 2007

Indiana State Board Conservation Board,

We need to re-allocate monies in our 2007 CWI Grant "Water and Wildlife Habitat Initiative". During the proposal time we over estimated in some and under estimated in other categories. We planned to pay mileage/travel expenses to our speakers that were traveling long distances, figures at \$1000 in that category. After the grant was accepted, we started making the arrangements for the different details to our grant. This is one reason we need to re-allocate funds from the area of **Travel to Supplies item # 2 "Conservation soil/wetland saved signs."** In the amount of \$725.00.

Also: we need to re-allocate monies in the area of Field Day Speakers. Like above we estimated that we would be paying each for their time, We only used \$750.00 dollars of the funds. This is the reason we need to re-allocate funds from the area of **Field Day Speakers to Supplies item #2 "Conservation soil/wetland saved signs."**
In the amount of \$ 250.00.

We received estimates for our signs (8 in total) they're going to cost around \$135.00 each.
This is the second reason we need to re-allocate funds
These signs will be posted at the entry roads to our county.
We have already spent \$295.00 for signs related to the grant.
This will help us to complete the CWI Grant for 2007

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trish Dugas".

Trish Dugas
District Director SWCD
996N. State Road 66 Ste. 102
Rockport, Indiana 47635



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STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Grantee Name: Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.
Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
1. Ducks Unlimited		6. Miles Farm Service	
2. Quail Unlimited		7. IDNR, Forestry	
3. Spencer County Extension Service		8. IDNR Fish & Wildlife	
4. USDA-NRCS (Perry/Spencer Field Office)		9. South Spencer High School FFA	
5. USDA-Farm Service Agency (Perry/Spencer)		10.	
		Total	

Grantee Address:
Address 2827 W. State Road 66, Suite C
City/State/Zip Rockport, IN 47635

Grantee Contact Name: Irish Dugas
Title District Technician
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City/State/Zip Rockport, IN 47635
County Spencer
Telephone (812) 649-9136 x3
E-mail Irish.dugas@in.nacnet.net

Grant Amount:
\$18,460.00

Project Start Date:
Mar-07

Project Expiration Date:
Mar-08

Federal ID Number:
35-1072397

Signature Authority (District Chairman):
Name Mark Lubbehusen, District Chairman

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)
No

Project Title and Short Description:
Spencer County Soil, Water and Wildlife Habitat Initiative
Spencer County SWCD proposes to employ staff time, educational events and informational outreach to promote the planning and implementation of conservation practices used to address soil erosion (i.e. no-till & high-residue systems, cover crops, crop rotation), water quality improvement (i.e. field borders, filter strips, buffers areas), and wildlife habitat. To do this the SWCD, staff and cooperating partners will promote needed conservation practices addressing these concerns, as well as federal cost-share programs such as EQIP, CRP, WHIP, and WRP. Our proposed project will not only help residents address erosion, water quality and wildlife habitat concerns through the establishment of needed conservation practices, but will also improve landowners' chances of approval for higher "tiers" when they apply for Conservation Security Program (CSP) when it becomes available in Spencer County.

Where is the project located?
County Spencer
Region South Southwest
Watershed All watersheds within Spencer County (including Pigeon Creek, Lower Ohio River, Anderson River)

<p>How will the project impact the geographic area?</p> <p>Through partnership programs with NRCS and FSA, this program addresses water quality concerns by implementing needed conservation practices resulting in reduced soil erosion and improved water quality for Spencer County, while also having the added benefit of enhancing and establishing wildlife habitat. Conservation practices such as no-till and conservation tillage, cover crops, filter strips, and field borders will reduce soil erosion and keep sediment from entering streams and other adjacent bodies of water. Field borders and buffer areas help to reduce fertilizer and pesticide run off into streams and rivers. Most, if not all, of these practices are also designed to improve water quality while improving wildlife habitat. Filter strips, forest stands, and hedge rows in particular provide cover and food for wildlife, and improve water quality. Quail habitat borders will provide buffers for clean water, shelter for raising young, and food plots.</p> <p>Programs such as CRP encourage farmers to convert highly erodible cropland or other environmentally sensitive acreage to vegetative cover such as grass waterways, native grasses, wildlife plantings, trees, filter strips and riparian buffers. EQIP contract holders improve water quality by implementing one or more of the following: grassed waterways, filter strips, manure management facilities, watering facilities, forest stand improvements, composting facilities, hedge row plantings, no-till conservation and other practices. Incentives are paid for performing land management practices such as nutrient management, pest management, manure application, irrigation water use, and wildlife habitat establishment. Landowners entering acres into the Wetland Reserve Program will plant trees and allow croplands to revert to bottomland hardwood forests, which results in less scour and gully erosion as well as improved air quality.</p>
<p>Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks and desired outcomes.</p> <p>Spencer County SWCD proposes to address the issues of soil erosion, water quality and wildlife habitat using a variety of marketing methods with the intended goal of reaching a broad audience. To do this, we propose to implement the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWCD technical staff will visit, consult, and promote NRCS conservation programs through farm visits to implement water and soil quality saving practices. • Host a No-Till/Cover Crop Field Day to showcase the success of conservation tillage and related practices on a successful EQIP farm, and to promote available federal programs and conservation practices. • Host a Wildlife and Wetlands Workshop to promote available practices such as filter strips, field borders, and establishment of wildlife habitat, as well as available federal and state programs. • Establish a demonstration area to showcase conservation practices and wildlife habitat efforts. • Assist in hosting the Perry-Spencer Crop Day (estimated attendance 100 people). • Support and promote Southwest Indiana Crop Seminar (estimated attendance 90). • Quail Unlimited annual meeting - ask for permission to have office staff speak to landowners about cost-share programs and conservation practices they might not already be familiar with. • Construct and man a fair booth focusing on cover crops at the Spencer County 4-H Fair. • Promote cooperative efforts with local organizations such as Ducks Unlimited and Quail Unlimited to establish additional wildlife habitat and buffers. • Work with the Conservation Tillage Initiative (CTI) and other statewide sources to obtain posters and handouts promoting conservation tillage and cover crops. • SWCD staff will edit, write articles for and distribute "Soil Scoop," a quarterly joint newsletter with Perry County SWCD and Perry/Spencer County FSA (estimated coverage 3000). • Spencer County SWCD staff will provide articles to Spencer County Cooperative Extension Service for their newsletter. • Spencer County SWCD staff will work with Perry County News and the Spencer County Journal-Democrat to have a conservation edition/annual report with special emphasis on no-till/conservation farming, cover crops, filter strips and buffers, wildlife habitat, and related technical practices and federal programs. • Spencer County SWCD staff will provide articles to both the Spencer County Journal-Democrat and the Dale Leader newspapers to educate the public about soil erosion, conservation tillage, cover crops, filter strips and buffers, wildlife habitat, and available federal programs. • Spencer County SWCD supervisors, associates, and staff will promote conservation tillage, cover crops, filter strips and buffers, and wildlife habitat and available federal programs by word of mouth through casual contacts whenever the opportunity arises. • Spencer County SWCD staff will promote conservation practices and cost-share programs to casual contacts, such as landowners and operators who walk into, telephone, or email the office with questions. <p>Benchmarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of acres of newly adopted no-till, conservation tillage and cover crop acres Number of acres of newly installed field borders, filter strips, buffer areas and wildlife habitat Number of additional enrollees in federal and state conservation cost-share programs Number of participants in public educational events, such as field days and workshops Number of brochures and news articles developed to promote conservation practices and available cost-share programs Bi-annual progress check of program's and progress of grant <p>Desired Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in the amount of no-till and conservation tillage systems Development of a county-wide program to promote and fund the installation of filter strips and field borders Better alliances with Quail Unlimited and Ducks Unlimited to educate landowners and promote wildlife habitat restoration

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

This proposed conservation initiative was developed from the Spencer County SWCD business plan and directly addresses the identified critical natural resource issues of soil erosion, water quality and wildlife habitat. Statements of intent (goals) that this proposal works towards accomplishing include:

Soil Erosion Increase the amount of conservation tillage by 15%, based on 2004 tillage transect numbers.

Water Quality Develop a countywide program to promote and fund installation of filter strips and field borders.

Wildlife Habitat Form better alliances with the Wild Turkey Federation, Quail Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, Waterfowl USA, etc., to educate landowners and promote wildlife habitat restoration.

In addition, this project correlates with the ICP Strategic Plan by addressing the desired outcomes of Clean Drinking Water; Cleaner Streams, Rivers & Lakes for Recreation; Productive Soils for Indiana's Farmers and Enhanced Quality of Life for Indiana Citizens. This project does this by addressing the ICP strategies of Delivery Systems and Outreach by "establishing an effective, locally led conservation delivery system that addresses local resource needs through financial, technical and educational assistance" and by "providing a consistent and positive message describing the economic, environmental, and quality of life benefits of conservation" for the residents of Spencer County.

Budget:		
	Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
	Personnel	\$10,600
	Fringe Benefits	
	Travel	\$1,000
	Equipment (itemize)	
	1. Tabletop Display unit for 4H fair, Field Days, etc.	\$600
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	Supplies (itemize)	
	1. Advertising/Flyers for conservation practices, programs,	\$100
	2. Conservation soil/wetland saved notice signs	\$400
	3. Promotions	\$850
	4. News Ads (4x4 display ads) run 8 times per year	\$850
	5. Soil Scoop quarterly newsletter & postage	\$900
	6. Special newspaper conservation report once per year	\$300
	7. Field Day speakers 3per day (2 events)	\$1,000
	8. Advertising, flyers, supplies and etc. for Field Day	\$1,860
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	Other	
	Total CWI Funds Requested	\$18,460
	State WQD Funds Contributed	\$3,000
	Total Partner Funds Contributed (Line 20)	\$200
	Total Project Cost	\$21,660



Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
2600 N State Highway 7 • North Vernon, Indiana 47265-9109
Phone: 812-346-3411 Extension 3
FAX: 812-346-4237

December 5, 2007

State Soil Conservation Board
ISDA
101 W. Ohio St.
Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear SSCB,

The SWCD here in Jennings County was fortunate to be granted a 7-CWI-423 for marketing our district. The original request for funding was to purchase a 6 ft by 3 ½ ft outdoor sign along with creating a new website. These items have been accomplished and are proving to be very beneficial in promoting the district. However, we were able to get this accomplished at a lower cost to the district than previously anticipated.

Therefore, we would like to request a reallocation of the remaining funds to further promote our district. The following are ideas that we have with regard to utilizing the funds with your approval.

- EQIP promotional flyer
- Sponsorship of Rural Urban Dinner (local community event - \$250)
- Pedal Tractor Giveaway (County Fair)
- Gold Plates for Antique Tractor Owners participating in our Annual Tractor Parade
- Jennings Co. 4-H Trophy Awards
- Poster Contest Awards (Savings Bonds for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners)
- Newspaper Ads to promote the sale of plat books, geo-textile fabric, & tile marking flags
- Newspaper Ads to promote the rental of No-Till Drills & Brillion Seeder
- Flyers and Newspapers Ads to promote District Tree Sale
- Hosting a Jennings Co. Chamber "Business After Hours" event

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this request. If you have any further questions in regards to our requests please let me know.

With Regards,

Dan Megel
Chairman

Jennings County SWCD Mission Statement:
To provide natural resource leadership for rural and urban customers
An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer



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Grantee Name: Jennings County Soil and Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.
Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
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Grantee Address:
Address 2600 North State Highway 7
City/State/Zip North Vernon, Indiana 47265

Grantee Contact Name:
Title Sheila Pitzer/District Coordinator
Address 2600 North State Highway 7
City/State/Zip North Vernon, Indiana 47265
County Jennings
Telephone (812) 346-3411 ext 3
E-mail sheila.pitzer@in.nacdn.net

Grant Amount:
\$3,000.00

Project Start Date:
2-Jan-06

Project Expiration Date:
On going project

Federal ID Number:
25-1920136

Signature Authority (District Chairman):
Name Dan Megel

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)
No

Project Title and Short Description:
Conservation Program Marketing
In an effort to promote conservation, the Jennings County SWCD will be purchasing a 6 ft by 31/2 ft, two sided outdoor sign and securing a site in conjunction with the Jennings County Government agencies website. The outdoor sign will have an interchangeable message that is easily customized to fit the event. It will be used to advertise field days, program sign up dates, SWCD Annual Meeting and other conservation related dates. The website will provide conservation information to an unlimited number of people. This site will have a wide variety of conservation topics, such as: SWCD Long Range Business Plan, equipment rental, conservation product sales, education programs, federal, state and local cost share programs, SWCD board information, newsletters; etc.

Where is the project located?
County Jennings
Region South-Southeast
Watershed Sand Creek and Muscatatuck

How will the project impact the geographic area?

This project will have many positive yet immeasurable impacts. By placing a sign on State Highway 7, we will be reaching a large number of commuters that travel between North Vernon and Columbus daily. In taking advantage of this opportunity, conservation programs and events will receive a heightened awareness. The website will provide impacts worldwide as people have come to expect access to information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The conservation message and efforts will be readily available not only to Jennings County residents but to the whole world.

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.

Once the Clean Water Indiana Grant is secured, the SWCD will purchase a 2 sided, 6 foot by 3 1/2 foot outdoor sign with interchangeable letters. The sign will be placed in front of the Service Center along State Highway 7. Dates of upcoming SWCD field days and events, equipment rental information, conservation product sales, cost share program dates and other related information will be advertised on the sign. With the heightened awareness of the conservation program opportunities, there will be an increase in best management practices to improve water quality and reduce soil erosion. Through the field days and other conservation related events, the public will become better educated on natural resource issues.

The Jennings County SWCD has made arrangements to be included in the Jennings County Government website. Upon receiving grant funds, a web page will be designed to include a variety of conservation related topics. Information and links will be included on the SWCD board, equipment rental, conservation product sales, local, state and federal cost share programs, educational programs, newsletters, calendar of events; etc. An opportunity will be provided to the public to submit their questions/concerns via e-mail. With the constant availability of information through the Internet, the public can access conservation information at any time. While using the internet resource, individuals will be better educated on programs and opportunities that may benefit them. Through this education, an increase in conservation program application and practice installation will occur. The best management practices installed will reduce soil erosion and improve water quality, thus helping accomplish goals established in the Jennings County Long Range Business Plan and Indiana Conservation Partnership Strategic Plan.

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

Education is the first step in accomplishing the goals of reducing soil erosion and improving water quality. With the implementation of this project, the community will become educated on natural resource issues and best management practices. With this education there should be an increase in the installation of conservation practices. These practices will help meet goals that were identified in the SWCD Long Range Business Plan. These goals are: increase the number of households with correctly installed and maintained septic systems by July 2009, reduce nutrient and pesticide run-off by 7.5% by December 2010, increase the number of livestock farms with livestock excluded from local bodies of water by 10 producers by December 2011, increase grass waterway installations by 60 waterways to address gully erosion concerns by January 2008 and increase the use of no-till systems on row crop production in Jennings County by 10% (based on 2004 Transect survey) by January 2011. As local producers implement these best management practices, they will not only assist in achieving the SWCD goals, but also the Indiana Conservation Partnership goals. The desired outcomes of clean drinking water, cleaner streams, rivers and lakes for recreation and productive soils for Indiana farmers will be furthered by conservation practice installation. As landowners are made aware of and apply for conservation programs, a stronger state economy will result.

Budget:	
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	
Fringe Benefits	
Travel	
Equipment (Itemize)	
1. Web page	\$1,500
2. Out door sign with letters	\$1,500
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Supplies (Itemize)	
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Other	
Total CWI Funds Requested	\$3,000
Total SWED Funds Contributed	\$3,000
Total Partner Funds Contributed (Line 20)	
Total Project Cost	\$6,000

New contract expiration date:
October 1, 2008



2007 CWI Grant Amendment Request

Jennings Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-423

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

We are requesting additional time to continue our marketing of the district by putting upcoming information on the 2 sided sign that was purchased along with continually updating our new website. We have also found another area of opportunity that we can market our district by replacing/repainting our welcome to Jennings County SWCD signs that are or have been located along the highways when entering into Jennings County. Other areas that we would like to use to market our SWD are as follows: Chamber of Commerce newsletter inserts, advertising plat book, geo-textile, & tile marking flags for sale, 4-H awards, advertising our spring tree sale, Rural-Urban Dinner Sponsorship, and hosting a Chamber Business After Hours.

This form must be filled out and e-mailed to Amy Eizinger aeizinger@isda.in.gov by Friday, November 30, 2007.



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Grantee Name: Jennings County Soil and Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project, as well as the amount of their contribution.

Please attach letters of support.			
Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
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Grantee Address: 2600 North State Highway 7
Address: 2600 North State Highway 7
City/State/Zip: North Vernon, Indiana 47265

Grantee Contact Name: Sheila Pitzer
Title: Sheila Pitzer/District Coordinator
Address: 2600 North State Highway 7
City/State/Zip: North Vernon, Indiana 47265
County: Jennings
Telephone: (812) 346-3411 ext 3
E-mail: sheila.pitzer@in.nacdn.net

Grant Amount: \$3,000.00

Project Start Date: 2-Jan-06

Project Expiration Date: On going project

Federal ID Number: 25-1920136

Signature Authority (District Chairman):
Name: Dan Megel

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)
No

Project Title and Short Description:
Conservation Program Marketing
In an effort to promote conservation, the Jennings County SWCD will be purchasing a 6 ft by 31/2 ft, two sided outdoor sign and securing a site in conjunction with the Jennings County Government agencies website. The outdoor sign will have an interchangeable message that is easily customized to fit the event. It will be used to advertise field days, program sign up dates, SWCD Annual Meeting and other conservation related dates. The website will provide conservation information to an unlimited number of people. This site will have a wide variety of conservation topics, such as: SWCD Long Range Business Plan, equipment rental, conservation product sales, education programs, federal, state and local cost share programs, SWCD board information, newsletters; etc.

Where is the project located?
County: Jennings
Region: South-Southeast
Watershed: Sand Creek and Muscatatuck

How will the project impact the geographic area?

This project will have many positive yet immeasurable impacts. By placing a sign on State Highway 7, we will be reaching a large number of commuters that travel between North Vernon and Columbus daily. In taking advantage of this opportunity, conservation programs and events will receive a heightened awareness. The website will provide impacts worldwide as people have come to expect access to information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The conservation message and efforts will be readily available not only to Jennings County residents but to the whole world.

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks, and desired outcomes.

Once the Clean Water Indiana Grant is secured, the SWCD will purchase a 2 sided, 6 foot by 3 1/2 foot outdoor sign with interchangeable letters. The sign will be placed in front of the Service Center along State Highway 7. Dates of upcoming SWCD field days and events, equipment rental information, conservation product sales, cost share program dates and other related information will be advertised on the sign. With the heightened awareness of the conservation program opportunities, there will be an increase in best management practices to improve water quality and reduce soil erosion. Through the field days and other conservation related events, the public will become better educated on natural resource issues.

The Jennings County SWCD has made arrangements to be included in the Jennings County Government website. Upon receiving grant funds, a web page will be designed to include a variety of conservation related topics. Information and links will be included on the SWCD board, equipment rental, conservation product sales, local, state and federal cost share programs, educational programs, newsletters, calendar of events; etc. An opportunity will be provided to the public to submit their questions/concerns via e-mail. With the constant availability of information through the internet, the public can access conservation information at any time. While using the internet resource, individuals will be better educated on programs and opportunities that may benefit them. Through this education, an increase in conservation program application and practice installation will occur. The best management practices installed will reduce soil erosion and improve water quality, thus helping accomplish goals established in the Jennings County Long Range Business Plan and Indiana Conservation Partnership Strategic Plan.

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

Education is the first step in accomplishing the goals of reducing soil erosion and improving water quality. With the implementation of this project, the community will become educated on natural resource issues and best management practices. With this education there should be an increase in the installation of conservation practices. These practices will help meet goals that were identified in the SWCD Long Range Business Plan. These goals are: increase the number of households with correctly installed and maintained septic systems by July 2009, reduce nutrient and pesticide run-off by 7.5% by December 2010, increase the number of livestock farms with livestock excluded from local bodies of water by 10 producers by December 2011, increase grass waterway installations by 60 waterways to address gully erosion concerns by January 2008 and increase the use of no-till systems on row crop production in Jennings County by 10% (based on 2004 Transect survey) by January 2011. As local producers implement these best management practices, they will not only assist in achieving the SWCD goals, but also the Indiana Conservation Partnership goals. The desired outcomes of clean drinking water, cleaner streams, rivers and lakes for recreation and productive soils for Indiana farmers will be furthered by conservation practice installation. As landowners are made aware of and apply for conservation programs, a stronger state economy will result.

Budget:		
	Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel		
Fringe Benefits		
Travel		
Equipment (Itemize)		
1.	Web page	\$1,500
2.	Out door sign with letters	\$1,500
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Supplies (Itemize)		
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Other		
Total CWI Funds Requested		\$3,000
Total SWED Funds Contributed		\$3,000
Total Partner Funds Contributed (Line 20)		
Total Project Cost		\$6,000

New contract expiration date:
October 1, 2008



2007 CWI Grant Amendment Request

Orange Co. Soil and Water Conservation District

CWI Grant Contract Number: 7-CWI-428

Please describe in detail why you need further time to complete your project.

We have money to use for newsletter inserts that we have asked to use for educational purposes instead of inserts. We haven't decided what to purchase at this time and are researching our options. The attempt is being made to complete this as soon as possible but not by the deadline that has been denoted. With the extra time, we may use this funding for newspaper inserts.

Also, we have \$80.00 that was to be used for a port-a-pot at our Forestry Field Day that we didn't need after all. Could we, please transfer those funds to us with the newsletters or educational materials? Please advise

This form must be filled out and e-mailed to Amy Eizinger aeizinger@isda.in.gov by
Friday, November 30, 2007.



APPLICATION FOR CWI GRANT
PROGRAM MARKETING
INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

Use this form to apply for CWI Grant-Program Marketing.
This application MUST be typed and MUST be submitted electronically to Chris Goode at cgoode@isdain.gov.

Grantee Name: Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District

List specific partners who will assist with this project as well as the amount of their contribution.

Please attach letters of support.

Partner	Amount	Partner	Amount
1. DNR-INDIANA DIVISION OF FORESTRY	\$6,152	6.	
2. WHITE RIVER RC&D AREA INC	\$1,000	7.	
3. ORANGE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE	\$500	8.	
4. NRCS	\$1,200	9.	
5.		10.	
			Total
			\$8,852.00

Grantee Address:

Address 573 S E Main St
City/State/Zip Paoli, IN 47454

Grantee Contact Name: Carol Payton

Title Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District Coordinator

Address 573 S E Main St

City/State/Zip Paoli, IN 47454

County Orange

Telephone 812-723-3311

E-mail carol.payton@in.nacdn.net

Grant Amount:

\$6,290.00

Project Start Date:

Jan-07

Project Expiration Date:

Dec-07

Federal ID Number:

35-1271304

Signature Authority (District Chairman):

Name David Robinson

Are you considered a minority business? (yes or no)

no

Project Title and Short Description:

Orange County Forestry Management, Timber Stand Improvement and Marketing Initiative

The Orange Co SWCD has identified forestry as a critical natural resource issue within the county. The county's forest land is 72% privately owned. The supervisors and staff, along with other partnering organizations, have created a plan to help educate the county on the importance of use guidelines to maintain and manage our forests. Farm Bill and other conservation programs such as EQIP, CRP, WHIP and LARE will also be promoted to increase the number of practices such as riparian forest buffer, bottomland timber establishment and timber stand improvement. We are planning a "Forestry Field Day" in June 2007 and putting together information in a bag to distribute to landowners regarding Federal and State cost-share assistance programs, the use of yard chemicals and pesticides, the benefits of trees and other vegetation near karsts areas, and other informative brochures throughout the year. Educating our landowners will help them understand the importance of conserving our area's water resources, protecting our land against soil erosion and managing our forest to enhance high quality timber.

Where is the project located?

County Orange

Region South Southeast

Watershed Lower East Fork White, Patoka and Blue-Sinking (8 digit HUC)

How will the project impact the geographic area?

We plan on developing informational bags to distribute at various events through the year. With this information we hope to have a variety of brochures and periodicals that will inform landowners of applications and ideas to incorporate uses of forestry to protect our land and streams, and how to manage for high quality hardwoods. In recent years, rural Orange County has seen a shift in landowners. There is an increase in landowners with an urban background, and they often have little or no knowledge of how to care for their land or the assistance that is available. As the new Casino brings in more development and new landowners, this trend is expected to continue. By using the bag of literature to network at the field day, local events, gatherings and taking some information into the SWCD's educational programs at the elementary schools in our county. We will be a starting point for landowners to become educated in this area.

Orange County is located in a karst zone and needs special protection for these areas. The landowners need to be educated on the types of protection to use around the sinkholes. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is an assistance program sponsored by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) that works with Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) to assist landowners in protecting the karsts areas by planting riparian forest buffers or filter strips to help prevent sediments, nutrients and other pollutants from entering the sinkholes and groundwater. This same concept is applicable for streams and surface water.

Forestry is Indiana's number 1 economic resource. The revenue from forestry exports are \$354 million annually. Hoosier landowners receive \$175 million from timber sales each year. Indiana ranks number 1 in the production of wood office furniture. There are 47,000 employees in the hardwood industry and it pays total wages of \$1.36 billion, according to a 2004 study by BioCrossroads, a life sciences economic development group. Orange County's land is 50% forest with 72% of that owned by private landowners. Residence of this county need to be made aware of how much of an impact forests and forestry usage has on our area.

Describe the project you are proposing including key steps, benchmarks and desired outcomes.

KEY STEPS

The first step will be developing the information bags for educating landowners. The bags will be used throughout the year at many events. They will promote the clean water initiatives by using forestry brochures and government programs that are available to the landowners. A display board will be purchased to display literature at the mentioned events. This board will also be used at future SWCD events to market the district and promote conservation in the county. Another step will be to create forestry article inserts in our quarterly newsletter.

OTHER PLANS INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

Orange County SWCD annual meeting in February
SWCD Stewardship week in April
Farm Bureau Ag Day in April
Barnyard Carnival
Forestry Field Day in June
Orange County 4-H Fair Week in July
Educational programs throughout the year including all county elementary schools, 4-H clubs, extension groups, civic organizations and any other interested parties that we can contact.

BENCHMARKS

Have increased awareness of how utilizing forestry in the correct manner can help protect our land for the future. Also, increasing the number of enrollees in our state and federal programs such as Classified Forest and Wildlife Program, EQIP, CRP and WHIP will benchmark our progress.

OUTCOME

This project will help educate the existing and future landowners in Orange County. The SWCD's goals for the next 5 years are to increase filter strip acreage by 100 acres, increase the EQIP and CRP programs by 10 new producers, increase number of producers converting row crops to pasture or hay by 5 producers and increase the Classified Forest program by 200 acres.

How does the project correlate with your local business plan and the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan?

In December 2005, the Orange County SWCD held a locally led business plan meeting where soil erosion, water quality and forestry were identified as critical issues in this area. The SWCD's business plan goal for forestry is to increase the acres of forestland to promote the use utilizing best management practices and use state and federal programs by 2011. Action steps to meet this goal include hosting a forestry field day in 2007, creating educational packets regarding forestry that will be distributed to landowners throughout the area and incorporate available information about the identified critical issues into an education format to take into the community for awareness. By also promoting related forestry practices under CRP, WHIP, LARE and EQIP, the SWCD will be working toward it's goals to increase the number of producers in each of the programs; therefore, improving water quality and reducing soil erosion.

Our grant application is definitely in correlation with the Indiana Conservation Partnership strategic plan. The mission, vision, and desired outcomes are prevalent within our plan. Reaching out to our county with information and education will help bring awareness to our existing and future landowners. A portion of our delivery system will be giving presentations about forestry's economical value and the strategies to help improve water quality and soil erosion. Presenting our information to area civic groups, schools, and general public. The information bags will be given out to everyone attending the events. Information that will be distributed about the programs available to landowner will create interest and involvement in the conservation practices. Stating our goals with statistics will help the SWCD to have an outlook with a number driven goal for the future. This in itself will create accountability.

Budget	
Expense Item	CWI Funds Requested
Personnel	
Fringe Benefits	
Travel	
Equipment (Itemize)	
1. DISPLAY BOARD	\$600
2. PORT-A-POTTY	\$80
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Supplies (Itemize)	
1. BAGS FOR LITERATURE	\$3,000
2. INK CARTRIDGES	\$350
3. POSTAGE	\$390
4. ADVERTISEMENT FOR EVENTS	\$500
6. MILEAGE	\$150
8. PAPER	\$120
7. NEWSLETTER INSERTS	\$600
8. MISC	\$500
9.	
10.	
Other	
Total CWI Funds Requested	\$6,290
Total SWCD Funds Contributed	\$5,380
Total Partner Funds Contributed (Line 20)	\$8,852
Total Project Cost	\$20,522

Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District

1931 South Liberty Drive
Bloomington, Indiana 47403
812.349.2046 / www.monroe.iaswcd.org



2007 Board of Supervisors

Kip Myers, Chairman; Robert Woodling, 2nd Chair; Keith McConnell; Larry McConnell and Ben Stidd

October 10, 2007

To: The State Soil Conservation Board

RE: CWI Grant #6-CWI-302

From: Monroe County Soil and Water

It has come to the attention of our District Board of Supervisors that the Brown County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to include 22.2 acres of tree planting that is in Monroe County towards their CWI funded grant. This would insure better water quality in the Bean Blossom watershed, which is a continuing concern for both Brown and Monroe Counties.

We feel using the CWI funds to the betterment of conservation in Brown and Monroe will enhance the corridors, increase wildlife in the Brown County Hills area. We are happy to be able to be a part of this unique partnership and to see trees being planted as a result.

Sincerely,

The Board of Supervisors, Monroe County SWCD

Kip Myers, Chairman

Keith McConnell

Benton Stidd

Robert Woodling, II, 2nd Chair

Larry McConnell

C: Brown County SWCD
The Nature Conservancy

Improving Monroe County one conservation practice at a time!

The Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District is a sub division of state government. Our purpose is to provide the Monroe County residents a link to local, state, and federal conservation programs. The SWCD is part of a partnership which includes: USDA's Natural Resources Conservation District, Purdue Cooperative Extension, USDA's Hoosier Heartland RCEd, Indiana State Department of Agriculture Division of Soil Conservation and Local Government Agencies.

November 29, 2007

Robert Eddleman, Chair
State Soil Conservation Board

c/o Cris Goode
Division of Soil Conservation
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

To Whom It May Concern:

The Supervisors of the Dubois County SWCD are requesting a waiver of the 10 acre rule for the election at our 2008 annual meeting, if needed. Our election committee has placed the name of Brenda Sermersheim on the ballot. We feel Ms. Sermersheim will be an excellent Supervisor for our SWCD due to her background and experience. She resides on her family farm; however, the land is not deeded in her name.

Ms. Sermersheim was raised on a farm in Perry County, and retains partial ownership of that farm. She currently resides on her husband's family farm in Dubois County. She and her husband lease the acreage from her father-in-law. Ms. Sermersheim does agriculture lending for German American Bank, in Jasper.

Indiana code specifies that a candidate for Supervisor election must be an "occupier" of a tract of land more than 10 acres in area. Ms. Sermersheim does "occupy" and reside on a 10 acre tract in Dubois County. We are requesting clarification that Ms. Sermersheim is qualified to be named on our ballot for the position of elected supervisors. If she is not, we urge the State Soil Conservation Board to waive the 10 acre requirement for Brenda Sermersheim.

We thank you for your consideration.

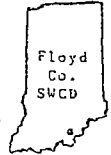
Regards,

Jack A. Welp, Chair
Dubois County SWCD Supervisors



Floyd County Soil & Water Conservation District

311 W. 1st Street, Room 421, New Albany, IN 47150-3601 (812) 945-9936



October 1, 2007

State Soil Conservation Board
Attn: Bob Eddleman, Chair SSCB
Division of Soil Conservation
101 W. Ohio, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Eddleman;

Please present our request for waiver of the 10 acre rule to the State Soil Conservation Board.

The Floyd County SWCD respectfully request that the 10 acre of land requirement be waived for elected soil and water conservation district supervisors. Due to the fact that Floyd County is primarily urban, it has become increasingly difficult to find supervisors that own or rent 10 acres of land.

The Board's consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated.

Floyd County SWCD

Maurice L. Stilger, Chairman



**Knox County
Soil & Water Conservation District
2015 Hart St
Vincennes, IN 47591**

Phone: 812-882-8210x3

Fax: 812-886-3748

October 25, 2007

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Crissy Goode
State Soil Conservation Board
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
101 W. Ohio St. Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Crissy,

On behalf of the Knox Co. SWCD Board of Supervisors, I am petitioning the State Soil Conservation Board for a waiver of the 10 acre rule in accordance with I.C. 14-32-4-1 of District Law. We currently have a potential candidate for supervisor, Lisa Holscher, who is more than qualified by experience to hold a seat on the board; however she does not possess the 10 acres required. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Brocksmith

Mike Brocksmith
Chairman, Knox County SWCD
Board of Supervisors

cc: Ken Eck, ISDA

All programs and services of the Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap.

CONSERVATION

DEVELOPMENT

SELF-GOVERNMENT

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Report 12-12-07

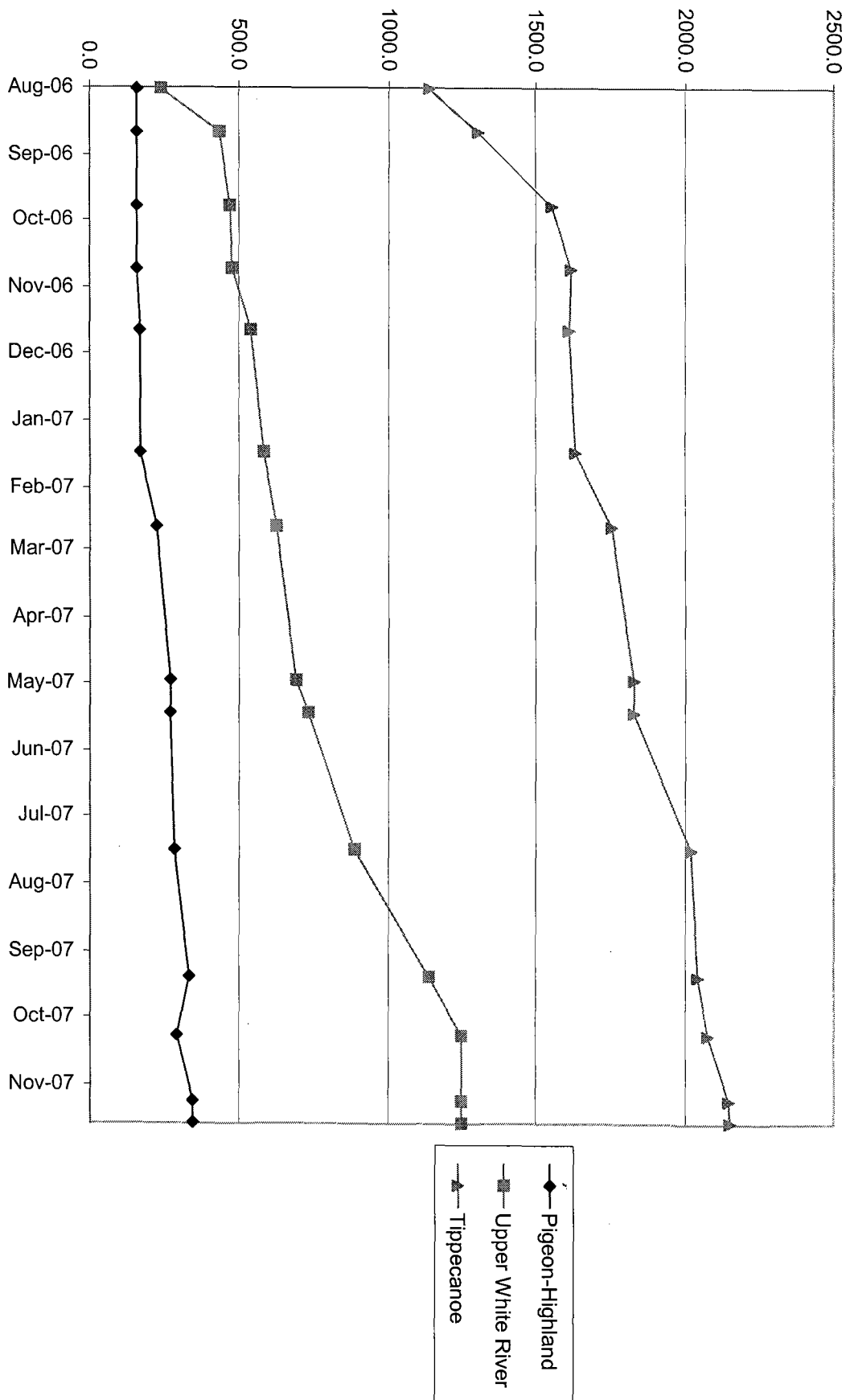
December 11, 2007

<u>Watersheds</u>	<u>Contracts</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Obligated Funds</u>
Tippecanoe River	360	2148.2	\$312,900.00
Upper White River	150	1248.1	\$588,325.00
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	84	344.9	\$67,670.00
TOTAL	594	3741.20	\$968,895.00

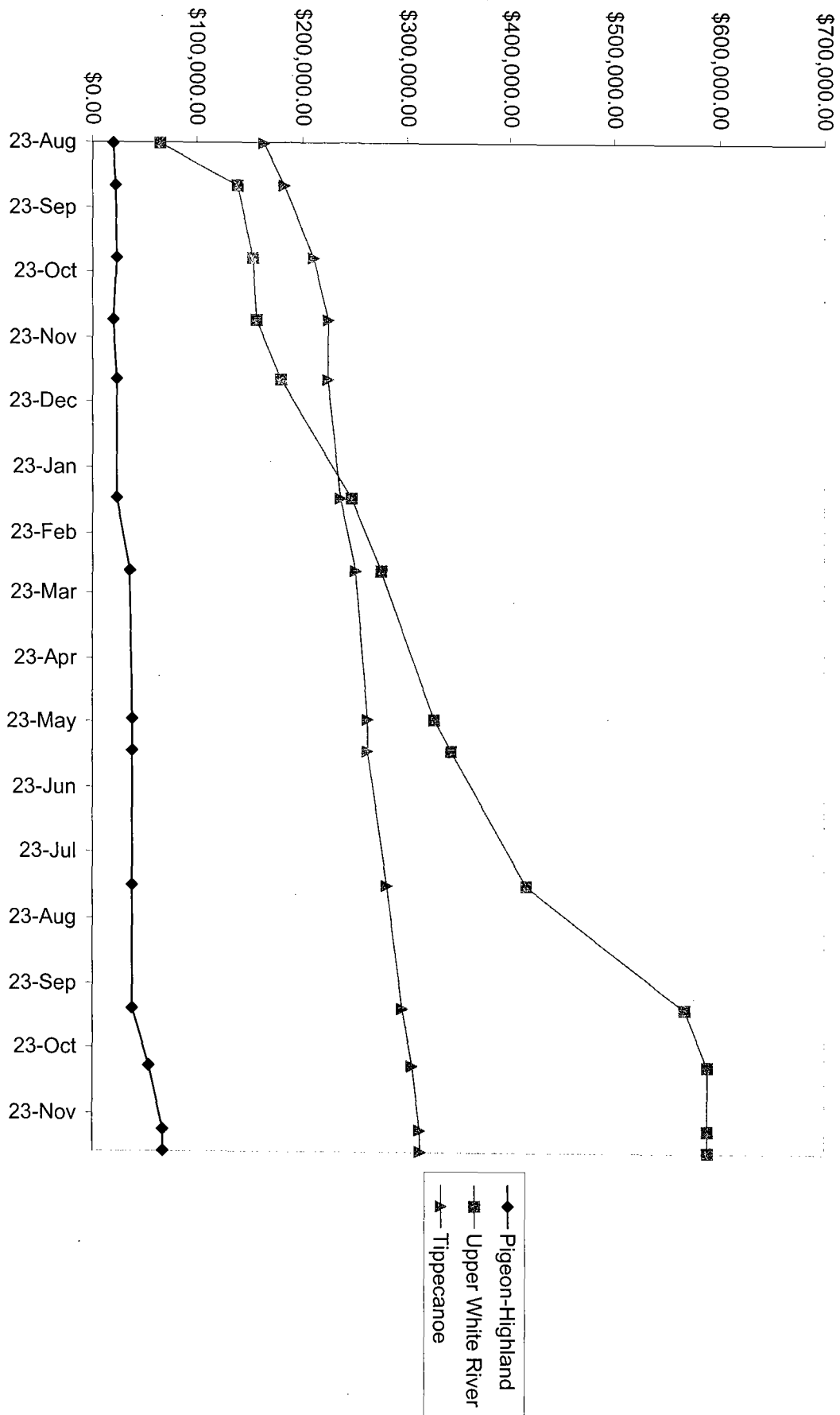
October 4, 2007

<u>Watersheds</u>	<u>Contracts</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Obligated Funds</u>
Tippecanoe River	300	2067.40	\$286,070.00
Upper White River	121	1043.60	\$566,845.00
Pigeon/Highland Rivers	88	283.80	\$38,310.00
TOTAL	509	3394.80	\$891,225.00

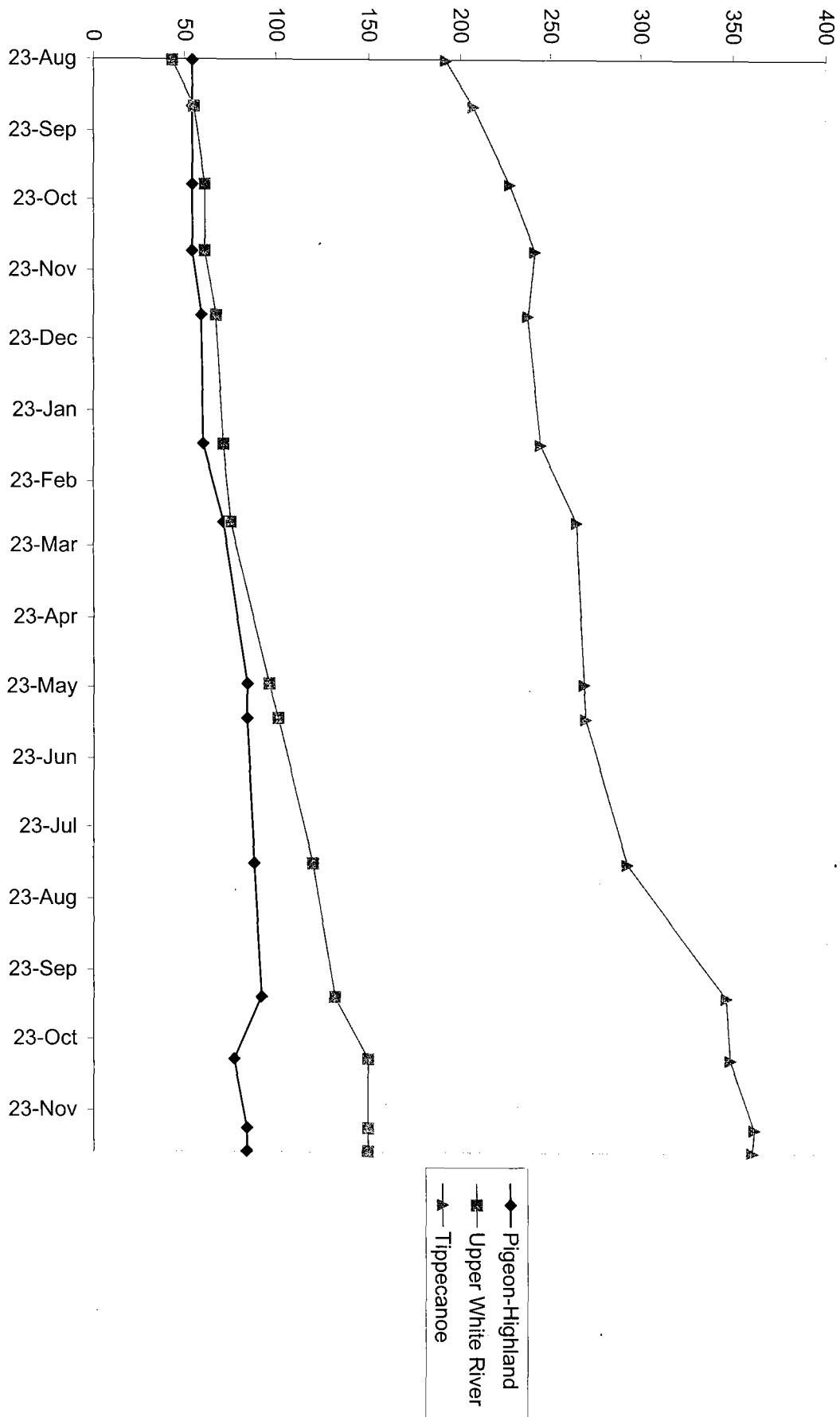
CREP Obligated Acres August 2006 - December 2007



CREP Obligated Funds August 2006 - December 2007



CREP Landowner Contracts August 2006 - December 2007



Clean Water Indiana Report for December 2007

06 CWI Multi-Year grants

<u>County</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>FY 07</u>	<u>FY 08</u>	<u>FY 09</u>	<u>FY 10</u>	<u>FY 11</u>
Delaware	RT	30,000.00	25,000.00	12,500.00	2,500.00	
Elkhart	RT	30,000.00	25,000.00	12,500.00	2,500.00	
Hancock	RT	30,000.00	25,000.00	12,500.00	2,500.00	
Knox	COM	22,500.00		18,750.00	7,500.00	1,250.00
Kosciusko	RT	30,000.00	30,000.00	10,000.00		
Noble	COM	22,500.00	18,750.00	7,500.00	1,250.00	
Total each year:		165,000.00	\$ 123,750.00	\$ 73,750.00	\$ 16,250.00	\$ 1,250.00

To date \$208,750 has been paid out to 2006 Multi-year grants.

07 CWI Multi-Year Grants

<u>County</u>		<u>FY 07</u>	<u>FY 08</u>	<u>FY 09</u>	<u>FY 10</u>
DeKalb	RT	30,000.00	25,000.00	12,500.00	2,500.00
Jennings	COM	22,500.00	18,750.00	7,500.00	1,250.00
LaGrange	COM	22,500.00	18,750.00	7,500.00	1,250.00
Marion	RT	30,000.00	25,000.00	12,500.00	2,500.00
Total each year:		105,000.00	87,500.00	40,000.00	7,500.00

To date \$105,000 has been paid out to 2007 Multi-year grants.

Grand Total:	270,000.00	\$	211,250.00	\$	113,750.00	\$	23,750.00	\$	1,250.00
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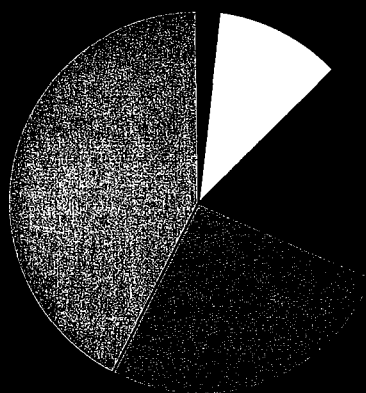
2006 CWI grants: 28 out of 42 grants are closed and they total \$164,738

2007 CWI grants: 9 out of 44 grants are closed and they total \$32,537

With 9 closed grants and 17 amendments, there will be 18 grants finishing up by January 31st.



Big Picture: Indiana Landowners Left Out



Indiana Conservation Condition

- Annually over 42,000,000 Tons Soil Lost
- Lose of 3.2 Tons/Acre/Year
- Dredging cost of \$6-9 per ton
- Indiana landowners and farmers reluctant to recognize responsibility
- Indiana landowners and farmers conditioned to avoid USDA programs

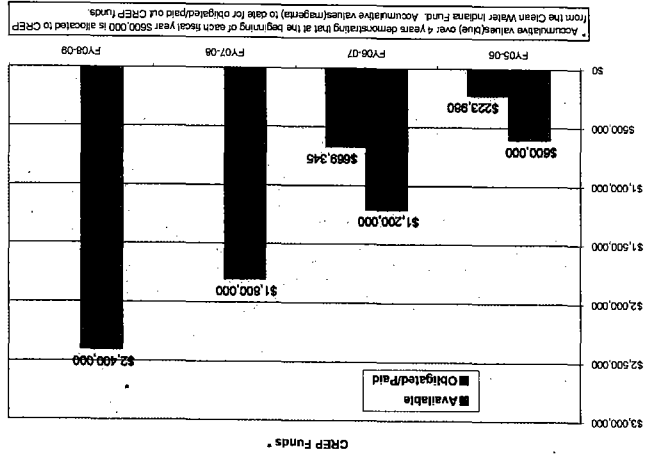
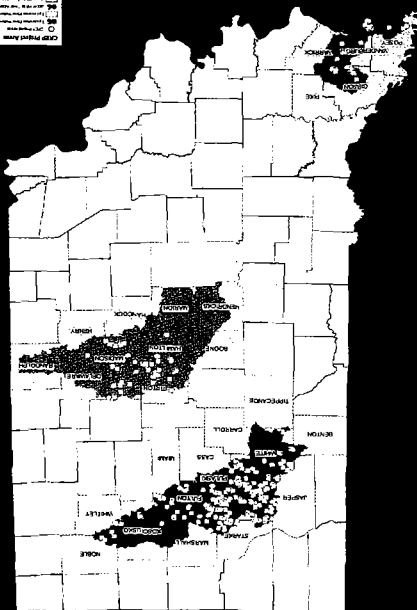
(Source: 2003 NRI)

ISDA Conservation: Year 3

- Focus on Nutrients and Sediment Reduction
- Investment in SWCD System
- Expanded CREP Budget by \$1 M
- Agriculture/Conservation Paradigm Shift
- Statewide Service and Results

Two Years of CREP

\$1.1 M of \$1.8 M
Allocated
< Half of Acres



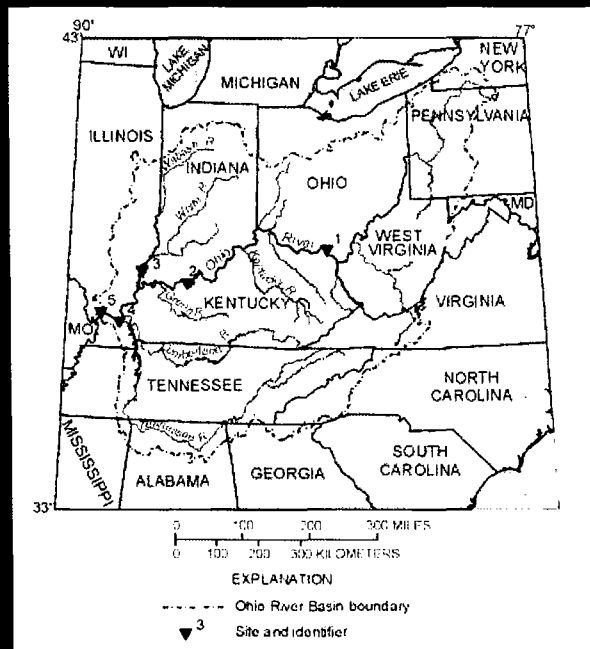
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Contingency Plans

- Amendment to CREP?
- New Farm Bill and New CREP?
- Must allocate funding immediately
- New quick results but commitment to long term system
- New way to deliver conservation
- Drive land users to conservation products with environmental “bang for the buck”

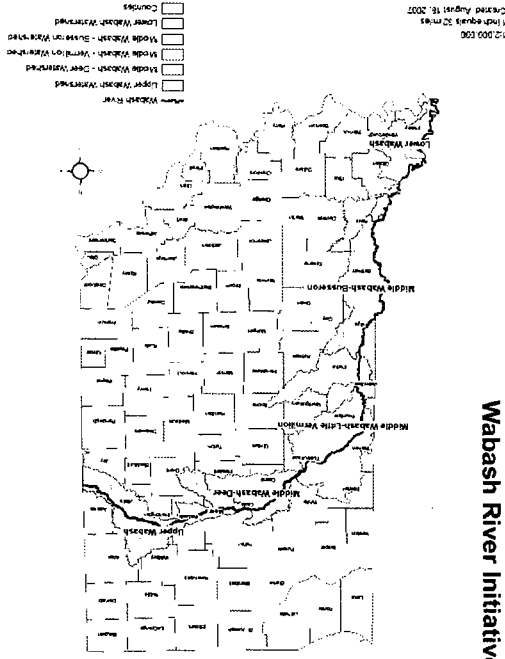
National Opportunity?

Indiana is the only state not participating in regional hypoxia work groups.



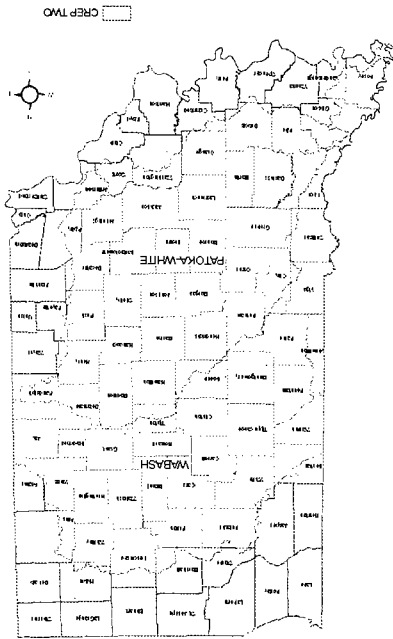
Phase 1: New Watersheds to Enhance CREP

Wabash River Initiative



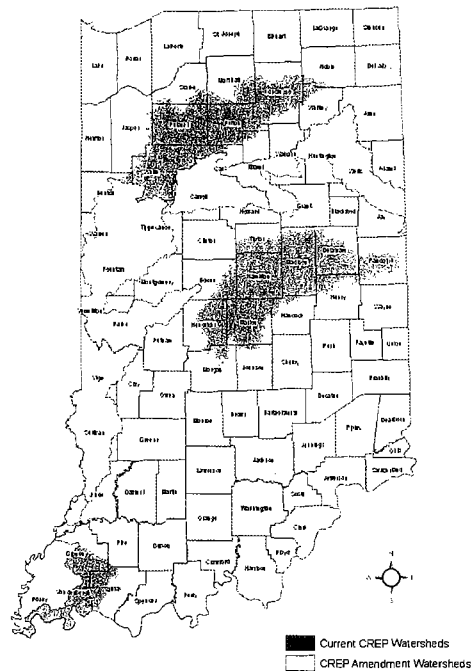
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CREP - TWO



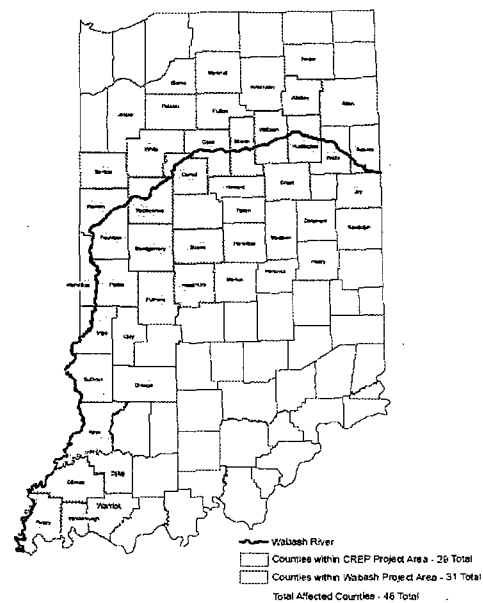
CREP Phase 1

CREP - Amendment



CREP Phase 1:
>50% of Counties
to Participate

CREP and Wabash River Initiatives Counties Within Project Areas



ISDA

Technical Staff
Resources

Staff Locations with CREP and Wabash River Initiative Project Areas



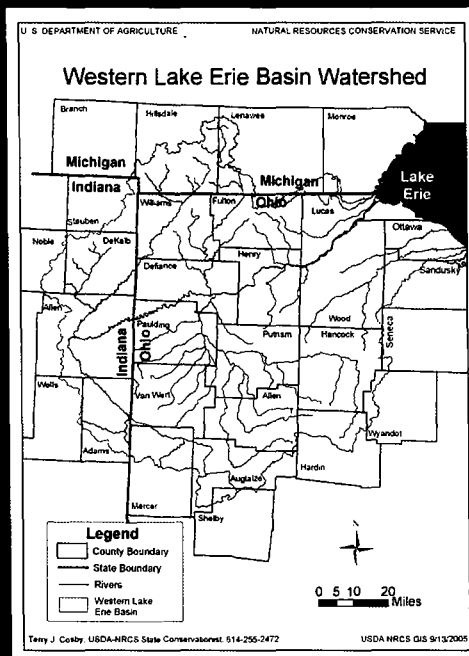
WLEB Ohio Project

Pros

- 2 Resource Specialists
- Already recognized by USDA

Cons

- Already practice saturated
- Different basin than current CREP



ISDA Conservation Programs

- Statewide Program
 - SWCD CWT Grants
 - Leadership Programs
 - District Support Staff
 - Wabash Focus Program
 - CRIIP Expanded
 - Technical Support Staff
 - New Incentive Program
- \$6.2
Million
Investment

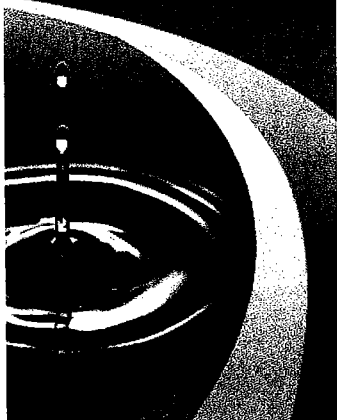
Our Challenge

- Quick & dynamic results
- “BHAG” – Statewide Opportunities
- Phase 1 - with more to come
- Conservation Culture Change



**Indiana Association of
Soil and Water
Conservation Districts**

Protecting and enhancing Indiana's soil
and water resources for all Hoosiers



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Jennifer-boyle@iaswcd.org

To: State Soil Conservation Board
From: Jim Droege, President, IASWCD
Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2007

2008 Annual Conference

REMINDER: Conference is scheduled for January 14-16, 2008 at the downtown Indianapolis Marriott Hotel. The SSCB meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 14 from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Registration is available on-line at www.iaswcd.org – 2008 Conference Callout

NACD

Olin Sims, President of NACD was tragically killed on Saturday, December 8, 2007.

IASWCD NACD Representative for 2008 is Gene Weaver. Ray McCormick (Knox County) will serve as the alternate. Ray will also be our legislative liaison for national issues. We look forward to working with Ray and using his expertise to help our Districts and the Association stay on top of important national conservation issues.

IASWCD

Seven out of the eight regions have held or will be holding region meetings this month. On the agenda included discussion of NRCS rent and contribution agreements; IASWCD by-law changes; 2008 Resolutions; and 2008 Annual Conference.

Committee Restructure: The IASWCD has formed new standing committees including 1) Executive, 2) Finance, 3) Legislative, and 4) Governance. The Natural Resources Policy committee will serve as an advisory committee. All other committees will be formed on an ad-hoc basis.

2008 Officer Candidates: President – Ray Chatten and Jim Droege; Vice-President – Paula Baldwin; Secretary – Ray McCormick and Jon Roberts; and Treasurer – Jeff Meinders and Tom Kercher

Other

Question on CWI grants: Does a multi-district proposal void a single district from submitting a proposal?

ICP Leadership Workgroup: This workgroup met recently and would like to have a SSCB member assigned to it (Nola has been a part of the Institute committee) as it relates directly to activities of the SSCB for all Districts (District Capacity Subcommittee). Please let Jennifer Boyle know the name of the assigned person. Thank You.

THE IASWCD MISSION is to represent SWCDs as one voice and assist the leadership of local Districts through coordination and education for the wise use and management of our natural resources.

State Soil Conservation Board
December 11, 2007
NRCS State Conservationist Report

Farm Bill Update

Last week the logjam in the Senate was broken when Democrat and Republican leaders agreed to limit the number of amendments to 20 for each party. It is unknown if any amendments will be related to conservation issues. American Farm Bureau Federation chief lobbyist Mary Kay Thatcher is predicting that we may not see a Farm Bill until spring, and the threat of a presidential veto still looms. CRP and WRP authority will expire at the end of December, and no new applications for these programs can be accepted beginning January 1 unless a new bill is passed, or the current bill is extended. Existing contracts for these programs will continue to be serviced.

2007 Program Update

Fiscal Year 2007 program obligations were as follows:

- Environmental Quality Incentive Program obligated approximately \$10.9 million,
- Wetland Reserve Program obligated about \$9.5 million,
- Wetland Habitat Incentive Program obligated about \$416,000, and
- Conservation Security Program payments for prior year contracts amounted to approximately \$8.7 million.

2008 EQIP Sign Up

Sign up is under way for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for Fiscal Year 2008. EQIP applications are accepted on a continuous basis, and are being reviewed and ranked every two weeks until funds are exhausted. So far, \$5.35 million has been allocated in the first two two-week cycles. In 2007, \$10.9 million in EQIP was utilized for conservation practices in Indiana. EQIP funding for 2008 is expected to be about the same level.

SWCD Capacity Building Opportunities

SWCDs have two opportunities for capacity building. One is to remove shared space costs from rent expenses if support for USDA programs can be documented on a simple form; and the other is submitting proposals for Contribution Agreements for technical assistance or administrative support. Additional information is being provided through e-mailed letters to staff and supervisors, and in IASWCD Weekly Updates.

Rapid Watershed Assessments

NRCS is spearheading a partnership effort to conduct Rapid Watershed Assessments for all 8-digit watersheds in the state. RWAs will help identify resource issues to help focus technical and financial assistance to areas of greatest resource concerns, identify conservation needs in relation to requested dollars, serve as a 'benchmark' resource inventory, and help local decision makers make informed decisions. The final assessment tool should be available in time for Annual Conference. The next step will be to create assessment matrices for six pilot 8-digit watersheds, which will outline which management practices need to be utilized to address resource concerns, and the costs associated with those practices.

FSA Consolidation Plan

The FSA Consolidation Plan has been approved for nine offices, and signed by acting USDA Secretary Chuck Conners. NRCS is working closely with affected SWCDs to make final decisions about these opportunities.

NRCS Staffing Updates

Colt VanNatta selected for District Conservationist in Fayette County at the Connersville Field Office effective 1-6-08.

Mary Jo Woodruff selected for Soil Conservationist on the Programs Staff at the State Office in Indianapolis effective 1-6-08. Mary Jo has been the District Conservationist in Hancock County.

William Kutter selected for WREP Coordinator position at the Terre Haute Field Office effective 1-6-08.

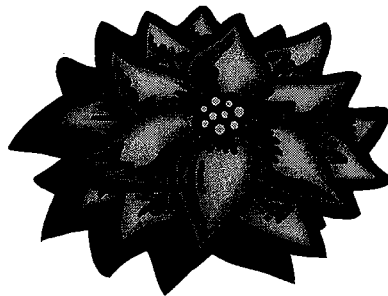
Kathleen Judd selected for the Area Program Specialist at the North Vernon Area Office effective 1-20-08.

Angela Runshe selected for District Conservationist in Boone County at the Lebanon Field Office effective 1-20-08.

Joshua Richardson selected for District Conservationist in Wayne County at the Richmond Field Office effective 2-3-08

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

***Best wishes for a great year of NRCS and the Partnership
working together on conservation in 2008!***



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ACTING SECRETARY CONNER APPROVES FSA OFFICE CONSOLIDATION PLAN

INDIANAPOLIS/IN, December 3, 2007 – Today, Ken Culp, State Executive Director of the Indiana USDA Farm Service Agency, announced that USDA Acting Secretary Chuck Conner approved the final plan to consolidate Indiana FSA Offices.

“The 18 month process conducted to address the most serious challenges to Indiana FSA included employees, County Committee members and producers from across Indiana,” said Culp. “We could not continue to properly staff 80 offices with fewer and fewer employees.”

Reductions in staff ceilings over the past 16 years resulted in fewer permanent FSA employees in Indiana. We feel it is important to eliminate shared management offices, small workload offices and create a structure that will serve producers more efficiently, and try to keep the accessibility of an office within a 30 minute drive for producers.

“We appreciated those that attended the public meetings and everyone that provided comments and suggestions for addressing our staffing challenges,” emphasized Culp.

Affected Indiana FSA Offices include:

- Shelby County will be consolidated with Rush County
- Hamilton County will be consolidated with Tipton County
- Vanderburgh County will be consolidated with Posey County
- Clark County will be consolidated with Scott County
- Morgan County will be consolidated with Monroe/Owen/Brown County
- Switzerland County will be consolidated with Jefferson County
- LaGrange County will be consolidated with Elkhart County
- Steuben County will be consolidated with DeKalb County
- Pike County will be consolidated with Dubois County

Acting Secretary Conner notified Congress of the proposed consolidations on November 16, which began a 120 day waiting period before a consolidation can occur. During this period, farm owners and operators from impacted counties will receive a letter notifying them of their new administrative county and offering them the choice to select an alternative contiguous county where they would like to conduct their FSA business. Producers will have 60 days to notify their local FSA office of their selection.

“The goal of reviewing Indiana FSA Office structure was to identify an optimum network of FSA facilities, staffing, training and technology within existing budgetary resources and staffing ceilings,” said Culp.

In addition, the current county committees will determine whether the new combined county committee will have 3 or 5 members, and they will establish new local administrative area boundaries for the election of the new multi-county committees. Producers in consolidated offices will maintain county committee representation in the newly named administrative offices.

The final proposed Indiana FSA County Office Restructuring Plan can be obtained at www.fsa.usda.gov/in.

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